

**MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340**

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May 30, 2024

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were Chuck Hines, President; Ken Bryant, Vice President; Steve Mills, Secretary; and Wick Jacobi, Member. Also present was Mayor Vince Lutterbie.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0. The May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hines inquired about the property damage incident reported. Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper provided an update; Crews were digging to repair a main break and cut an unmarked phone line that seems to have been abandoned.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller updated the Board on Unit #6: Ethos will be sending turbine blades overseas for testing and reassembly has been moved to the beginning of August. The insurance company has all the necessary information and is evaluating the claim. The MMU crew will have the exhaust plenum finished tomorrow. Another update call with Ethos is scheduled for tomorrow. He added that the Region F grant application is complete and will be submitted later today.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported the HVAC system replacement is almost complete; they are waiting on a return air vent and the blower motor on the new unit went out and they are currently using the one from the old unit until a replacement comes in at the end of the month.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root discussed repairs made to the beacon light at the airport.

Mayor Lutterbie arrived at 8:34 a.m.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported the Maverick has been received. Crews are blowing fiber in the Wildcat area.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported on the dry flow pumps; one has been delivered to the shop and the other is getting the stator replaced, it should be delivered in approximately 10 weeks.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss reported on the 2024 well treatment and maintenance project. During testing and treatment, the specific capacity of well #4 dropped. It was scheduled to be pulled for repairs, so the contractor suggested doing an additional acid treatment with swabbing for an extra cost of \$5,230.00, bringing the project a few thousand dollars over the budget. Superintendent Boss is looking for vendors to dispose of the hydrofluosilicic acid.

Mr. Hines noted from Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige's report that four temporary seasonal help positions were filled. Mr. Jacobi also noted from her report that Water Treatment Plant personnel had worked fourteen years with no recordable injuries and congratulated the group on an impressive achievement.

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Controller Tony Bersano reported he plans on converting the time-of-use billing to the production side on June 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated that time-of-use billing will be optional for residents, and is seeking accounts to pilot the program. Controller Bersano stated he had renewed the general liability insurance.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom presented the Board with a copy of the 6 coincident peaks. He continues to work with staff, Lutz, Daily & Brain (LDB), and the Missouri Electric Commission on the possible new Marshall generation project. LDB has almost completed the engineering report. He has been reviewing the draft operations and maintenance memo of understanding.

The new MMU webpage is scheduled to go live on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The infrastructure grant funding is scheduled to be delivered in early June. He has been following up with AT&T and Zito on the progress of the joint-pole and pole attachment agreements.

Mr. Mills and Mr. Hines discussed the budget overrun of the well maintenance and treatment project. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to approve the additional funding for the well maintenance on well #4 to do an additional acid treatment and swabbing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Mills made a motion to approve and issue warrants from the following funds for cash disbursements to accounts payable.

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 218,170.29
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 299,069.46
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 85,224.42
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 88,697.23
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 691,161.40</b>

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:55 a.m. to go into Executive Session, following a 5-minute recess, to discuss matters under Mo Rev. Stat. 610.021 (Supp. 2009) concerning legal, confidential or privileged information [1]. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

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/s/ Steve Mills \_\_\_\_\_, Vice President