

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

November 10, 2021

The Board of Public Works convened in regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were Wick Jacobi, President; Ken Bryant, Vice President; Steve Mills, Secretary and Spencer Fricke, Member. Also in attendance was City Administrator JD Kehrman.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0. The minutes of the October 28th meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, with a vote of 3-0.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss requested approval to replace the weigh belt on slaker #3. The last time it was replaced was in 1996, and it continues to have trouble slipping out of line and stopping. Mr. Bryant made a motion to purchase the weigh belt feeder using quotes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Electric Production Assistant Director Jarad Muller reported on the inspection of Unit #6. The results of Ethos Energy's bore scope found the "V" blocks on the rotor had not shifted. After cleaning, reinspection and retesting the unit passed the PI and step tests. The crew is finishing assembling the unit and it will be put back in-service this afternoon.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported on the North Street Pump Station Renovations. He and General Manager Bergstrom met with Burns & McDonnell and discussed ways to cut costs, VFD motors, back-up power, and HVAC options. He is working with Proceanic to schedule the reservoir #3 silt removal. Crews have been assisting the Wastewater Treatment Plant with locates and demo work for their improvement project.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported the Southeast Substation transformer arrived Monday and he is working on scheduling the field assembly, it has been tentatively set for December 6th.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Nolan Townsend reported crews are spreading bio-solids on some new fields.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel provided a map showing the status of the broadband grant #1. To date, 13 miles of conduit have been installed. Crews were able to install and splice some aerial fiber on North 65 Highway.

Human Resource Manager Megan Baldrige presented information on worker's compensation and MMU's experience modification rating (EMR). In April 2022 the EMR will drop from 1.32 to 1.09, which will save approximately \$45,000.

Controller Tony Bersano discussed projects he has been working on. The auditors were on site November 1st and 2nd; everything went well. Staff is working with Tyler Technologies on the new accounting and billing software daily and plans are to go live in February.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom presented an action item for appointing a representative to the MSDC Board. Because MMU contracts with them for economic development efforts we are entitled to a representative to sit on their Board. Mr. Fricke made a motion to appoint Jeff Bergstrom to represent MMU on the MSDC Board effective January 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and was approved by a vote of 3-0.

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General Manager Bergstrom then provided the Board an energy price forecast and supply constraint alert issued by MPUA for the upcoming winter. He is scheduled to participate in the Virtual Ownership Committee meeting this afternoon. He added that MMU will be publishing some weatherization and energy saving tips for the public.

General Manager Bergstrom stated he and staff continue to work on the ARPA funding. There is no guarantee MMU will receive funding, there are a lot more requests than money available. General Manager Bergstrom expressed his hope that we are in a good position since our projects are “shovel ready”.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 179,584.68
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 980,184.87
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 210,840.77
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 208,194.20
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,795.52
ELECTRIC CONSUMER DEPOSIT FUND	\$ 4,650.00
Total	\$ 1,586,250.04

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, December 2nd, 2021.

Following a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:04 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
/s/Steve Mills _____, Secretary