



MINUTES OF THE August 21, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, Jeff Sorensen, and Barry Bower. Supervisor Christina Hutchings was absent with notice. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo, Attorney Catherine Kaufman, Engineer Paul Schram and a few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

Stoneburner made the motion to set the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- A few area residents were present and spoke briefly.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried; all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Authority Board Rules for Public Comment Participation

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to approve the attorney's recommended changes and to publish the rules of public comment participation. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes.

REU Changes for 2023

Discussion

The Authority has been doing a thorough review of commercial properties and has increased the total REU count by 56 units. The properties have been found lacking the equitable REU factor applied to the accounts. Letters have been sent notifying affected property owners and customers of the changes.

Delinquent List

Discussion

Delinquent amounts increase annually based on rate increases. However, the properties on the list seem to stay relatively constant year after year.

Sherman Lake Project Update

Discussion

The Authority will conduct a final walk through of all properties that connected to sewer with the project contractors within the next 2 weeks. With the September 1, 2023 mandatory requirement for sewer connection, there remains thirteen homes that haven't reached out to the Authority for their sewer connection requirement.

United Way Day of Caring

Discussion

The Authority staff will be participating in the Barry County United Way Day of Caring again this year. The service project is in Hastings on Thursday September 14, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS**A-1 Mechanical Outstanding Invoice**

Attorney Kaufman's email to Brusse Brady has gone unanswered. She will reach out by phone before our next board meeting.

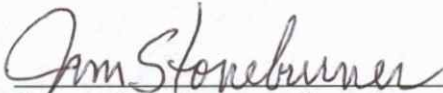
ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, September 18, 2023, 1:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval


Jimmy Stoneburner – Secretary