

MINUTES OF THE May 16, 2022, REGULAR 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, Barry Bower, and Jeff Sorensen. Commissioner Christina Hutchings was absent with notice. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Anne Richmond, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo, Attorney Rob Thall via video, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson, Engineer Paul Schram, and Village of Augusta Manager Jeff Heppler. Also present were a few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

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

We will be going into closed session after the FOIA fee appeal.

Motion carried; all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT: Nothing was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

REU increase for 8140 N 32nd was the only increase from commercial review. Inquiry of grease & oil separator for wastewater at a body shop. Sewer rate increases triggering customers inquiry in metered billing, we have published some information about why not metered billing on the website. Spruce Lane apartments rate increase complaint along with the threat of counsel and multiple FOIA requests. Reached out via phone and has requested that it be in writing. A motion was made by Sorenson and seconded by Stoneburner to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried; all ayes.**



NEW BUSINESS

Welcome new Office Manager Leslee Schnepp

Short Term Disability Insurance

Motion

The authority lacked a short-term disability plan. The Executive Director presented 2 plans for review. One plan provided an increase in life insurance with the option to add dependents at a cost savings over the previous plan. It was recommended to transition STD, LTD, and Life w/ AD&D to Mutual of Omaha.

Sorenson made the motion to go with the Executive Directors recommendation. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes.

FOIA Excess Fee Appeal

Motion

Looking for ways to reduce fee. Acknowledge receiving the Appeal and then we will file extension and work through their attorney.

A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Bower to acknowledge receipt and to extend for 10 days.

Motion carried; all ayes.

At 2:20 p.m. Sorenson moved that the Authority Board convene in closed session under section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure by state statute, section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, being a letter from its attorney dated May 15, 202, for the reason that the letter is exempt from disclosure under State law due to the attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner-aye; Bower-aye; Sorensen-aye; Harma-aye; Hutchings-absent; <u>Motion carried</u>

A motion was made by Sorenson and seconded by Bower to accept the Attorney's recommendation. **Motion carried; all ayes.**



M-96 Pipe Rehab Update Discussion
Our permit is in the 21-day review period expires on Thursday May 19, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: On Going

Projected

Crumb included the Old Business On-Going update in the packet mailed to the Board. There were no questions.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Thall will be adding additional pressure on A-1 Mechanical for payment of the invoice that was sent to them.

ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, June 20, 2022, 1:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval

Jimmy Stoneburner - Secretary