

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2024
Time: 4:00p.m.

Present: John Ortwerth
William Dees
Kellie Cookson

President
Secretary
Board Member

Absent: William Fisher

Vice President

Darrin Gordon
Courtney Harris
Mathew Munzlinger
Matthew Jones
Paul Trenhaile
Jared Stewart
Erica Mitchell

General Manager
Administrative Support Specialist
Director of Operations
Senior IT Specialist
Finance Director
Superintendent of Lineman
Coordinator of Customer & Community Relations

Ethan Matchett
Robert Koehn
Maria Kuhns

Lemon Law Firm
City Councilman
Northeast Economic Development

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by John Ortwerth.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by John Ortwerth.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes – May 20, 2024
- B) Payrolls – May 31, 2024 & June 14, 2024
- C) Claims – May 2024

On motion of William Dees, seconded by Kellie Cookson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

NONE

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT - DARRIN GORDON

Darrin Gordon presented information regarding the Lead & Copper rule. Mr. Gordon voiced the EPA has promulgated a new rule, wanting to take lead out of all service lines across the nation. Approximately 60% of HBPW customers have a lead service line in the system, but we have passed all state lead and copper rules and tests by maintaining the water supply pH and corrosivity levels that prevent leaching. The HBPW will have to meet the LCRR requirements October 2024 and moving forward there is great potential to have significant workload and cost from the new/proposed LCRI rules. The time required to complete 480 services per year will require additional manpower and equipment. If the federal government ultimately requires the HBPW to be responsible for the lines from the property line to the building footing or the tap, this cost will easily double or more. Mr. Gordon will be sharing more information regarding this federal rule as regulations are set in place in the upcoming months.

Darrin Gordon reported the Grain Belt Express (GBE) is a planned generation and distribution project taking wind power from the plains of Kansas to Indiana. The path goes through northern Missouri and southern Illinois, and Hannibal has been one of the original communities committed to take power from the GBE. Some landowners on the transmission pathway have fought against the transmission construction. This pivot, along with the planned Tiger line has brought both GBE and the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) under legal fire. In the Missouri Appellate court system, the opening brief of the Agricultural Associations was filed in the Western District

Court of Appeals on April 5th. This would allow moving the converter station from Ralls County to Monroe County, increase the transmission line capacity from 500 MW to 2500 MW, adding the Tiger Connector AC connector line, and dividing the work into two phases so Missouri receives the energy sooner. If there is a positive decision, the HBPW could be receiving power by 2030. Mr. Gordon will keep everyone updated as information is given.

OPERATIONS REPORT – MATHEW MUNZLINGER

Matt Munzlinger reported the number of outages for the month of May increased and the overall availability rate for the last 12 months went from 99.989% to 99.987%.

Matt Munzlinger reported the Electric crew is continuing to work with contractors regarding the relocations and outages needed for the Third Street Viaduct project.

Matt Munzlinger reported at the WTP (Water Treatment Plant) production numbers increased for the month of May. The crew finished the basin cleaning and added a new employee on 2nd shift. The Gravity Filter Rehabilitation project continues, and the next GAC exchange is scheduled for June 25-26, 2024.

Matt Munzlinger reported the Water crew discovered and repaired a leak on an older main on Washington Street. The crew along with the Meter Techs have also completed annual fire hydrant flushing, fire hydrant painting and administered ISO testing which is the accredited measuring method. The crew is also beginning a valve exercising program, where they will be going to identify broken valves and come up with a plan of replacement.

Matt Munzlinger reported at the WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant) the flow for the month was considerably higher than in April 2024 or May of 2023. Mr. Munzlinger noted this was due to high river levels, and low-lying areas.

Matt Munzlinger reported the Sewer crew during the month TV' d 7,623 feet and cleaned 10,150 feet of sewer collection main. The crew also had two (2) wet weather SSO's, and sixteen (16) stop up calls in May.

Matt Munzlinger reported the Aclara migration from the HBPW internal network to the Aclara cloud hosted environment started the evening of May 6th and continued through the morning of May 9th. This conversion will better allow the HBPW to stay current with software updates and releases from Aclara and allow them to host this service thus reducing cyber liability.

PROJECTS REPORT – MATHEW MUNZLINGER

Mathew Munzlinger presented the Board with an updated progress report including projects from the Electric, Water System, Water Treatment Plant, Sewer System, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Stormwater. Mr. Munzlinger noted the progress of these projects and studies are acceptable and will continue as the weather permits.

FINANCIAL REPORT – PAUL TRENHAILE

Paul Trenhaile presented the Board with the financial results for the month of May 2024, year-to-date results, and key financial ratios. Mr. Trenhaile presented the Dashboard presentation to the Board as a review of Key Performance Indicators trailing the last six months.

CITY ATTORNEY – PENDING MATTERS

Ethan Matchett commented the City Council is continuing to collaborate regarding a Stormwater solution. Mr. Matchett voiced they have been looking at the Hancock amendment and the possibilities of either charging a fee or proposing a tax. This would require a vote of the people or a change in the ordinance.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Darrin Gordon voiced the second reading for Darrell McCoy to be approved as the new HBPW Board Member is tomorrow evening at the City Council meeting. Mr. Gordon presented a plaque of recognition to William Dees and thanked him for serving on the HBPW Board from April 2020 - June 2024.

CLOSED SESSION

William Dees made a motion to convene in closed session, in accordance with Section 610.021(12) of the Missouri Sunshine Law, to convene in closed session to discuss Contracts admitting John Ortwerth, William Dees, Kellie Cookson, Darrin Gordon, Mathew Munzlinger, Paul Trenhaile, Courtney Harris & Ethan Matchett. Motion seconded by Kellie Cookson. ROLL CALL: AYES: Board Members, John Ortwerth, William Dees & Kellie Cookson. NAYS: 0.

ADJOURNMENT

William Dees made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kellie Cookson and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23p.m.



Darrin Gordon
General Manager



John Ortwerth
President