

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROCKWOOD WATER, WASTEWATER & NATURAL GAS BOARD**

October 25, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Darryl Meadows presiding. Roll call found Commissioner Loren Bone, Commissioner Dudley Evans, and Commissioner Joe Moore present; Commissioner Tim Couch was absent.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the September 2016 Minutes: Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 2016 Financials: Daniel Peterson reported that Water/Sewer revenues for the month of September was \$352,685; Water/Sewer expenses were \$237,106; YTD Water/Sewer revenues exceed expenses of \$73,741. Gas revenues were \$112,886; Gas expenses excluding gas costs were \$60,874; and YTD expenses exceed revenues of \$191,236. Commissioner Bone made a motion to accept the report as presented and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey advised the Board that the Front Street sewer project contractor has temporarily stopped work pending resolution of the elevation problem in the plans. The WTP disinfection project has been delayed also pending some revisions and adjustments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Report on I/I:** A written report was provided to all Commissioners.
- b. **Warm Thoughts – annual program update:** There is currently almost \$35,000 available to customers for assistance with heating with \$10,600 having been distributed to customers last winter. Ms. Ramsey recommended continuing with the same parameters as last year and all members agreed with that recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Update and discussion – natural gas rates 2016-2017 – Daniel Peterson, CPA:** Mr. Peterson reviewed the process of rate calculations and advised the following:
 - **Demand Rate per Dth:** Decrease from \$2.50 to \$1.58
 - **Base Rate:** Decrease from \$4.04 to \$3.67
 - **ACA:** Decrease from (\$1.27) to (\$1.26)The variable cost of gas is also a factor in the calculations. Considering all factors, costs to customers should be decreased but not guaranteed since the cost of gas can be volatile.

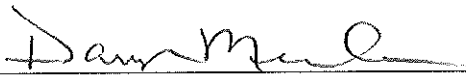
Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the new rate structure and Commissioner Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Change order for WWTP clarifier repair – Southern Contractors, Inc.: As construction progressed, it was found that there was a significant void underneath the concrete on which the clarifier is positioned. Rather than take a chance on further erosion of soil, it was determined that a grout filler would be the best solution. The pressure grouting would fill the void through holes drilled in the concrete floor. The total Change Order cost is \$46,791.25 and Ms. Ramsey recommends approval. Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve the GM's recommendation and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

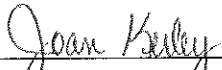
c. Disposal of equipment – Neopost folder/stuffer machine: Since bills are now being printed and mailed by Document Output Center, this machine that is already obsolete and in bad repair is no longer needed. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the sale on GovDeals.com and Commissioner Bone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications from Board members: All Commissioners thanked the employees.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Moore seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Darryl Meadows, Chairman



Joan Kerley, Secretary