

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

June 28, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at Rockwood City Hall 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Loren Bone presiding. Commissioners Bobby Anderson, Mark Clem and Joe Moore were present; Commissioner Jeff Penley was absent.

Public Comment: Dudley Evans, 456 S Kingston Ave, thanked the Board for keeping gas rates at a manageable cost for customers.

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

Approval of May financials: Joan Kerley reported that water and sewer revenues for May were \$380,148; expenses were \$272,541. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$193,898. Gas operating revenues totaled \$240,646; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$71,834. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$666,245. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey Leffew asked for approval of Resolution 22-05 for a gas distribution grant for the motorsports park. There is no match on this grant and the addition will become part of our system. Commissioner Moore made a motion to waive the five-day rule and Commissioner Clem seconded. Commissioner Moore then made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Bob Martin, a retired employee who passed away in December of 2021, had designated RWSG as the beneficiary of a \$33,000 life insurance policy. It was suggested that the \$33,000 be designated for a specific project after the new buildings are completed. The Board would determine that at a later date. Additional undercutting and stabilization fabric is necessary at the administration building and a cost for that will need approval from the Board at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I report:** A written report was provided.
- b. **Consideration and approval of Budget FY 2022-23:** Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the budget as presented last meeting with no changes and Commissioner Moore seconded. Commissioner Clem then made a motion to approve the \$1.13 per hour raise for all employees as well as a \$1,000 Christmas bonus and Commissioner Moore seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.
- c. **Consideration and approval of Capital Improvement Plan:** Commissioner Moore mad a motion to approve as presented last meeting and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Consideration and approval of the Raw Water Pump change order – Gresham Smith:** A change order in the amount of \$40,110 is required to address a problem with the new installation. Gresham Smith has proposed splitting the cost of the remediation with RWSG. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the cost of \$20,055 without signing a release and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and approval of Resolution 22-01 – Funding for ARC Project:** Resolution 22-03 for the use of the remaining ARC funding at Tom Fuller Park-Sewer Extension Project was approved in the May meeting. Some of the numbers were incorrect and this Resolution corrects and replaces it. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Approval of engineering proposal for Water Treatment Plan Improvement Project – JR Wauford:** The preliminary engineering report was presented in May along with a tour of the WTP. This will initiate the engineering services that should take 10-12 months to complete. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the \$300,000 contract contingent on the approval of our attorney and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Consideration and approval of purchase of motor replacement for High Service pump at WTP – Tekwell:** Repair cost is approximately 73% of the cost of a new one and it has repaired previously. The cost for new from Tekwell is \$13,608.25. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the purchase and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Consideration and approval of proposal for installation of replacement cathodic protection system at Hwy 27 – Steele Cathodic:** During the cathodic protection survey, it was determined that the cathode bed was not functioning as required. The cost of the project, including labor and materials is \$18,495.00. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Consideration and approval of contract with Mid-East Community Action Agency for distribution and administration of Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP):** This program will work similarly to the LIHEAP program for gas customers. It will be administered and distributed by Mid-East with RWSG having no administrative authority. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the new contract and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Consideration and approval of collection list – updated 5/31/22:** Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the list in the amount of \$6,079.41 and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM by motion of Commissioner Clem and second by Commissioner Moore.



Loren Bone, Chairman



Joan Kerley, Secretary