

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

October 26, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

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

Public Comment: None.

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

Approval of September financials: Daniel Peterson reported that water and sewer revenues for September were \$344,634; expenses were \$362,770. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$33,402. Gas operating revenues totaled \$109,403; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$127,862. Year to date, gas expenses exceeded revenue by \$259,492. Commissioner Clem made a motion to accept financials as presented and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey Leffew reported that our consultant returned comments to FEMA last evening regarding the flood plain/mapping on the building project. A draft is out for public comment regarding NPDES permit renewal at the WWTP. Richard Hill is nearing completion of our audit and should be ready to present to the Board in the November meeting.

Executive Session – Attorney Greg Leffew: The Board, Ms. Leffew, and Greg Leffew met in executive session regarding the state consent order and assessment. Upon their return, Commissioner Penley made a motion to accept the order, giving Chairman Bone authority to sign, and to not proceed with the supplemental environmental assessment option due to increased costs. Commissioner Clem seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I update:** A written report was provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and Approval of Consent Order and Assessment:** Item addressed in Executive Session above.
- b. **Discussion and approval of gas rate – Daniel Peterson:** Gas usage has decreased in recent years largely due to a decrease in sales to industrial and commercial customers. Market predictions are that gas prices will increase this winter. An increase in per therm price of \$.08 is recommended. Commissioner Penley asked about the possibility of increasing the minimum bill from the current \$7.50 and when the last increase was

approved. Mr. Peterson agreed to run scenarios and see what option(s) would meet RWSG's needs. He will provide information to the Board to be discussed in the November meeting.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM by motion of Commissioner Clem and second by Commissioner Penley.

Loren Bone, Chairman

Joan Kerley, Secretary