

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

March 26, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at Administrative Building at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Mark Clem presiding. Commissioners Paul Kamikawa, Joe Moore, Ronnie Thompson and Larry Davis were present.

Public Comment: Fred and Debbie Hampton 413 N Kingston Avenue, asked questions regarding their bill and requesting an adjustment.

Dudley Evans with questions about Walmart pressure and numbers being painted on the road.

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

Approval of Feb Financials: Tausha Bruneel reported that water and sewer revenues for February were \$332,632; expenses were \$276,458. Year to date, water and sewer expenses exceeded revenues by \$202,666. Gas operating revenues totaled \$492,969; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$85,138. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$313,637. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: We have had good progress on meters since the last meeting. However, it is taking more of our staff time than anticipated.

Budget workshop is coming up so be sure to check your emails for potential dates.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Operation Report:** Brian Reed and Bonnie Fugate presented February reports with no questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

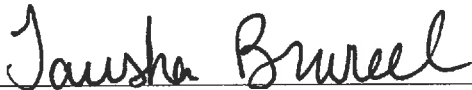
- a. **Update and consideration of authorization of utility attorney to file suit related to delinquency of Victorian Square Assisted Living account:** We have received \$20,000 from the state as good faith to keep services on until they can get all remaining residents out. Does the Board want to file a suit along with the other companies? Commissioner Davis made a motion to table until April meeting and Commissioner Kamikawa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration of additional holiday for employees:** It has been brought to the utilities attention that the City and REU receive their birthday off as a holiday. Recommend giving employees a holiday for their birthday to be taken within the month of their birthday and if they do not take it, they lose it. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and to start from January 2024 and Commissioner Kamikawa seconded.
- c. Consideration and approval of audit contract for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024- Mitchell, Emert and Hill:** Recommend approval for the contract for our annual audit with a cost of \$28,600. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Kamikawa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM by motion of Commissioner Kamikawa and second by Commissioner Davis.



Mark Clem, Chairman



Tausha Bruneel, Secretary