

OSKALOOSA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
2/10/14

Members Present:

Joe Ryan
Errin Keltner
Pete Settimi

Others Present:

Chad Coon
Sheryl Tomlinson
Aaron Riggs

A motion was made by Pete Settimi and 2nd by Errin Keltner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Minutes of the 1/13/14 regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Pete Settimi to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

The attached vouchers totaling \$456,275.67 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Pete Settimi to approve the vouchers for payment. The motion was 2nd by Errin Keltner. The motion carried with all members voting yes. The Balance Statements were also reviewed. Motion by Joe Ryan and second by Pete Settimi to approve balance statements.

Motion carried with all members voting yes.

1. The first agenda item was Public Hearing for Proposed 10% Water Rate Increase. Motion by Pete Settimi to open the Public Hearing. Ayes all, Public Hearing open at 5:19 PM. Chad informed the Board that he had received no comments either written or oral regarding this matter. With that, Pete Settimi made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Ayes all, Public Hearing closed at 5:19 PM.
2. The next agenda item was Introduction of Resolution #1401, Resolution to Increase Water Rates 10% Effective March 1, 2014. The resolution was introduced by Errin Keltner with a motion to approve. Seconded by Pete Settimi. Ayes all, motion passed.
3. The next agenda item was Customer Forum. Chad informed the Board that there were no items to present at this time.
4. General Manager's Update was next on the agenda. Chad talked to the Board about a variety of different topics. He talked to the Board about the cash reserves that OMWD carries and what level of funding to maintain in those reserves. An email

had been sent out to the Board members showing what other water utilities are doing across the state. Joe commented that he liked what Cedar Falls Utilities was doing. They used a formula that looked at operating and maintenance expenses and what the next year's capital expenses would be. There was discussion about OMWD forecasting what our expenses would be for a number of years and then setting reserves to pay for that, but looking at years with both low and high capital expenses and trying to find an average that would be sufficient. One other idea was for OMWD to look at what 3 months of operating expenses would be along with the projected capital for the next fiscal year and setting an appropriate level. Another topic that was discussed was looking at combined sewer and water utilities that are Board controlled. Chad stated that he has been researching this topic and not finding a lot of information. He said that he would continue to research and let the Board know of his findings. He also discussed his inquiry about billing and collecting that Board driven water departments across the state are doing. He said that he would continue gathering information and discuss it with the Board at a future meeting. The last item that Chad talked to the Board about was meters and the City's participation in funding that expense. Chad provided the Board with a breakdown of expenses for large meter change-outs since the 2011-2012 fiscal year. He stated that two years ago OMWD had asked the City if they would help with the cost of meters as that is also how they get paid. Since that time the City has not helped with the expense of meters. Joe suggested that Chad put together a spreadsheet showing the increased revenue from the change and use this as a tool to demonstrate the effectiveness of changing out the large meters.

5. Miscellaneous was the last agenda item. Chad presented the list of leaks since the last meeting. He also mentioned that there were at least three leaks that had occurred since the list was written the week prior. Joe asked Chad to investigate what our health insurance agent thought about OMWD's single policy coverage and the Affordable Care Act. Pete discussed the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council and what would be discussed at that meeting.

There being no further items to discuss, it was moved by Pete Settimi and second by Joe Ryan to adjourn.

ATTEST

Meeting Adjourned 5:53 PM

Pete Settimi – Chairman

Errin Keltner – Secretary