

**OSKALOOSA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

8/11/14

Members Present:

Joe Ryan
Jon Zobel

Others Present:

Chad Coon
Crystal Breuklander
Jason Van Zetten
Ken Allsup

Motion to amend the agenda to include Reorganization of the Board of Trustees after approval of the agenda, and to also include Discussion and Consideration of Keltner Lawsuit with the City after Customer Forum was made by Jon Zobel and seconded by Joe Ryan. Ayes all motion passed.

The next agenda item was Reorganization of the Board of Trustees. Motion to appoint Joe Ryan Chair and Jon Zobel Secretary was made by Joe Ryan and seconded by Jon Zobel. Ayes all, motion passed.

Minutes of the July 21, 2014 regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Jon Zobel to approve the minutes. Seconded by Joe Ryan. Ayes all, motion passed.

The attached vouchers totaling \$324,472.82 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Joe Ryan to approve the vouchers for payment. The motion was 2nd by Jon Zobel. The motion carried with all members voting yes. The Balance Statements were also reviewed. Motion by Joe Ryan and second by Jon Zobel to approve balance statements. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

1. Customer Forum was next on the agenda. Jason Van Zetten was in attendance and asked a couple of questions of the Board members. He asked if it would be possible for the City Council members to get the information packets and have all of the information available in those packets to know what the Board would be discussing during each meeting. He also asked if it would be possible to break out the topics in the Miscellaneous and General Manager's Update. Chad asked if he could answer this question for the Board. Chad stated that both the General Manager's Update and Miscellaneous agenda items contain topics that are not acted upon by the Board. All of the other agenda items are typically voted on by the Board members and when General Manager's Update and Miscellaneous items are discussed by the Board and the General Manager, there is no formal action, therefore, these two agenda items

have a lot of different topics lumped together for discussion. Joe suggested that one possible answer would be to have Chad prepare the agenda and then send it to Joe, as current Chair, for review. If Joe felt that there was something that needed to be addressed separately, he would identify that item, or items, and have Chad make updates to the agenda and then send it out. There was also discussion between both Board members and Jason Van Zetten regarding different projects that were ongoing and ways to continue to work together on items.

2. The next agenda item was Discussion and Consideration of Keltner Lawsuit with City. This item was one that was added at the beginning of the meeting in the amended agenda portion. There was discussion between Board members regarding the decision of the Court that has handed down July 30, 2014. Both Board members declared that they would not support any further action against the City in the lawsuit. There was a question that was raised as to the amount spent to date on legal fees. Chad stated that he had staff find this information and that, as of today's meeting, OMWD had spent \$53,749.82 on legal fees with Dickinson Law Firm. There was a motion by Joe Ryan to direct Dickinson Law Firm to no longer pursue the lawsuit and that the Board will not support further action. Motion seconded by Jon Zobel. Ayes all, motion passed.
3. The next agenda item was General Manager's Update. Chad stated that there wouldn't be a lot to discuss as he had been gone on vacation the previous two weeks. He did state that he had met with a representative from Iowa Rural Water before vacation and that he had gotten a preliminary report earlier today that he had forwarded to the Board members for review. Chad also stated that he had been working on a spreadsheet from Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities that dealt with water rates and that interestingly enough, the numbers that Iowa Rural Water were showing were very similar to what the spreadsheet was also generating. Joe asked that the water rate structure be an item that was on next month's agenda.
4. Miscellaneous was the last agenda item. Chad updated the Board on a leak that had happened on one of Clow's service lines that was right outside of the machine plant on South 2nd. He stated that that had been the only leak during the last month. Chad then informed the Board that work on valves in the street along South 11th had been completed ahead of the City's project, but that there was some remaining work out in the right of way that would not impact the City's project. Jon asked what was happening with the fire hydrant around 1815 North 3rd Street. Chad stated that he would check into it and let Jon know what he found out.

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

ATTEST

Meeting Adjourned 5:54 PM

Joe Ryan – Chairman

Jon Zobel – Secretary

The Oskaloosa Water Department Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday September 15, 2014, at 5:00 PM with board members Zobel, and Ryan present. The agenda was approved as presented. Minutes of the 8/11/14 regular meeting were approved as presented, all ayes.

Following Warrants Allowed: (see attached sheet)

The first item on the agenda was Customer Forum. A high bill for 602 4th Avenue East was discussed. The Board directed the General Manager to set up payment arrangements for the bill. There was no bill reduction granted.

The next four items were discussed at length by the Board of Trustees with no formal action taken.

Motion was made for adjournment by Zobel. Ryan seconded the motion. Ayes all, meeting adjourned. 7:16 PM.

Jon Zobel, Secretary