

OSKALOOSA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
11/10/14

Members Present:

Joe Ryan (via phone)
Jon Zobel
Mike Vore

Others Present:

Chad Coon
Crystal Breuklander
Jim Anderson

The Oath of Office was administered to Mike Vore at the start of the meeting. One copy will be filed with OMWD minutes and the original will be sent to City Hall.

A motion was made by Mike Vore and 2nd by Joe Ryan to approve the agenda with amendment, Item 7b, Consideration and Discussion of Marketing Agreement with HomeServe. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Minutes of the 10/13/14 regular meeting, 10/23/14 and 10/30/14 Wastewater/Water Working Committee Meeting were read. A motion was made by Mike Vore to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

The attached vouchers totaling \$277,982.12 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mike Vore to approve the vouchers for payment. The motion was 2nd by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with members Vore and Zobel voting yes, and Ryan abstaining as he was not able to see the bills in-person. The Balance Statements were also reviewed. Motion by Mike Vore and second by Joe Ryan to approve balance statements. The motion carried with members Vore and Zobel voting yes, and Ryan abstaining as he was not able to see the bills in-person.

1. The first item on the agenda was Customer Forum. There were no items presented.
2. The next agenda item was Consideration and Discussion of Health Insurance Premiums. Chad presented information to the Board showing only a 2.55% increase in premiums for 2015. Jim Anderson was on hand to discuss the specifics of the plan. He noted that due to the dramatic decrease last year and the nominal increase this year, OMWD was still well below the rates they were paying three years ago. It was noted that ACA compliant plans increased 19% for 2015 and if OMWD had chosen to switch last year that is what the increase would have been. Chad stated that he would like to see OMWD remain with the current plan as long as Wellmark will continue to offer it. Motion by Mike Vore and second by Joe Ryan to renew existing

policy. Ayes all, motion passed.

3. Next item was Consideration and Discussion of Board of Trustee Meeting Dates. Chad talked to the Board about the request from the Mayor that OMWD's Board of Trustees look at moving their regular meeting date to a time that would not have possible conflicts with City Council meetings. After looking at alternative days of the month and times, there was a motion by Mike Vore and a second by Joe Ryan to move regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings to the third Monday of the month at 4:00 PM. Ayes all, motion passed.
4. The next agenda item was one that was added as an amendment. 7b. Consideration and Discussion of Marketing Agreement with HomeServe. Chad presented the agreement to the Board. There was discussion as to the merits of entering into an agreement of this nature and with this company. Mike asked that Chad gather more information from the company before the Board decided to move forward. Chad was instructed to gather financial information, as well as business credit rating from AM Best or Fitch or another company of the like. He was also instructed to gather information from competitive companies. This issue was tabled.
5. General Manager's Update was next on the agenda. Chad talked about a variety of issues. He discussed the leak audit that was performed by Westrum Leak Detection, the work on the CDBG application that was stalled out due to specific requirements for applying, logging in the wellfield to help offset expenses incurred as a result of the lawsuit this summer, roofing the shed at the north tower lot, and the progress on the sidewalk for the office. He also updated them on an incident earlier in the day that had occurred involving one of OMWD's employees where the safety of that employee was threatened by a citizen.
6. Miscellaneous was the last agenda item. Chad updated the Board on the two leaks that had occurred in the last month. He also let the Board know that staff had assisted waste water personnel with a couple of projects on their system. Joe asked Chad to update the Board on the status of OMWD's website and the cost to produce it in-house versus putting it on the City's website. Also discussed was the need for further talks about OMWD's rate structure and getting a breakdown for usage on all accounts for a whole year and not just a single billing.

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

ATTEST

Meeting Adjourned 6:04 PM

Joe Ryan – Chairman

Jon Zobel – Secretary