

OSKALOOSA WATER BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
4/6/15

Members Present:

Joe Ryan
Mike Vore
Brad Hodges

Others Present:

Chad Coon
Crystal Breuklander
Ken Allsup

First item on the agenda was approval of the agenda. Motion by Mike Vore and second by Brad Hodges to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all, motion passed.

Water Meter Replacement was next on the agenda. Mike Vore opened the discussion. There were a variety of items that were discussed. Mike presented information from Neptune Meters showing an economic analysis tool that OMWD could use to help determine if meter replacement was warranted at this time. Chad was instructed to reach out to representatives of both Neptune Meters and Badger Meters for assistance with using a tool of this nature for OMWD's benefit. Chad informed the Board that he had reached out to CoBank and presented information to the Board giving a snapshot of interest rates etcetera for Board consideration. Joe stated that he would like to also consider local banks as well as State Revolving Fund loans when looking at financing a meter change-out.

Next on the agenda was Consideration and Discussion of Hiring Employees for Wastewater Department. Chad updated the Board on talks that have been occurring with the Water/Waste Water Working Committee. He then presented the request from the committee that OMWD hire up to two employees that would be back-billed to the City. Chad stated that a budget review was done to ensure that there was room to be able to accommodate a one month backlog between OMWD payroll and the City reimbursement. He stated that there was adequate budget available to accomplish this work. Mike Vore asked if there was any type of agreement in place with the City or a Memorandum of Understanding that should talks deteriorate that the City would then hire the employees and hold OMWD harmless. Chad indicated that there was not an agreement of that type at this time, but that talks had been progressing at the committee level and the proposed contract was almost ready for legal review. Brad Hodges expressed concern about the agreement and hiring at this time and stated that he needed more information before being comfortable with making a decision to hire new employees. Chad suggested that this item be added to the regular meeting agenda for April 20, 2015 and that he would work towards addressing the Board's concerns with a draft agreement, or memorandum of understanding between the two entities. The Board agreed that this would satisfy their concerns. Chad was

further instructed to get an estimate from OMWD legal counsel to review the agreement between OMWD and the City.

Miscellaneous was the last agenda item. There was nothing discussed.

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

ATTEST

Meeting Adjourned 4:58 PM

Joe Ryan – Chairman

Mike Vore – Secretary

The Oskaloosa Water Department Board of Trustees met in special session Monday, April 6, 2015 at 4:00 PM with board members Hodges, Vore and Ryan present. The agenda was approved as presented.

There three agenda items discussed with no action taken by the Board of Trustees.

Motion was made for adjournment by Mike Vore. Joe Ryan second the motion. Ayes all, meeting adjourned. 4:58 PM.

Mike Vore, Secretary