

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Hastings Utilities Board Room on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, and by notices duly posted in the lobby of Hastings Utilities, 1228 North Denver Avenue, and the City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, and was therefore open to the public.

Present: Anderson, Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, Poppe

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, Stange, Cogley, Odom, Scherr, and Clark Haberman

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board of Public Works is subject to the Open Meetings Laws and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Law poster has been posted in the room.

Under public comments, Clark Haberman distributed testimony from Dr. Mary A. Fox, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, regarding ash disposal.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Krieger, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of April 16, 2009, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued April 27, 2009
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,185,445.93
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$2,268,117.52
 - Transfer to General Fund against the Combined Fund - \$521,458.00
- d. Review of payroll for period ending April 25, 2009
- e. Approval of the following work orders:
 - EL-131 Installation of a three-phase overhead transformer bank to serve a drip irrigation system on Marian Rd., ½ mile south of US Highway 6.
Estimated Cost: \$1,500

Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Krieger, Shoemaker, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Marty Stange gave a presentation on the results of the Well No. 33 Spinner Flow Study. The results look promising and the study gave some valuable information for further study. The next step is to install a flow control valve on 12th Street to allow reduced pumping of Well 33 while still maintaining adequate water pressure at Westbrook.

Marty Stange gave an update Design Status of 17th Street (Westbrook) Nitrate Water Treatment Plant. The design is in place and could be ready for bid, when the decision is made to go that route, and a conditional use permit is obtained. The land purchase would need to be fully completed. Steve Scherr will look at the purchase contract to see if that purchase can be completed in the near future.

A letter was distributed to the Board on options for use of the \$109,900 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Stimulus Funds that have become available for the City of Hastings.

An option that was well received and discussed was Option 2, which involves converting mercury vapor street lamps to more efficient lamps, converting the remainder of local traffic signals to more efficient LED bulbs, and purchasing the previously deferred hybrid vehicle. Scott Krieger suggested that staff look at the newest technology for street lighting using LED bulbs. This option will be studied.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to pursue Option 2 for the use of the \$109,900 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Stimulus Funds, and that this plan be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for their approval. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson, Krieger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Poppe left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Ron Sanders gave an update on the Downtown Alley Project. This is a three year project and is approximately 50% completed. Good citizen feedback has been received on the project.

A letter was distributed to the Board on the program of the Southwest Interceptor Sewer Easements. The Board would like to speed up the process and would like another update in August.

The January 2009 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Al Meyer gave an update of PPGA Activities and the minutes were reviewed.

A discussion on the agreement and amendments with Flatwater Materials will be added to the next agenda.

Items added to the list of Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items are:

TBD

Use of Infrared Camera for Home Energy Audits

Wind Opt Out – versus Opt In Program

Discussion of Interruptible Rate for Residential Customers

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Secretary