

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, July 2, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, June 30, 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, Shoemaker, Poppe, Krieger

Also Present: Schultes, Sanders, Leonhardt, Stange, J. Sidlo, Cox, Cogley, Sekora, Barfknecht, Scherr, Goebel, Charles Richardson, Clark Haberman, Scott Kleeb (Utilities Conservation Company), and the Wellhead Protection Advisory Committee – William McLeod (farmer), Randy Gunn (South Central Nebraska RC&D), Jamie Oltman (The Groundwater Foundation), Rod DeBuhr (Upper Big Blue NRD), Russ Gierhart (Upper Big Blue NRD), Ron Seymour (UNL Extension), Daryl Anderson (Little Blue NRD), and Michele Bever (South Heartland District Health Department)

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.

There were no public comments at this time.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of June 11, 2009, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued June 29, 2009
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,583,365.13
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$2,019,715.97
- d. Review of payroll for period ending June 20, 2009
- e. Approval of the following work orders:

GA-248 New 2" PE gas main on 35th St., Lakepark Ln. to Lakeview Ter. And 33rd St.
Estimated Cost: \$11,404

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

Ron Seymour (UNL Extension) gave a presentation on behalf of the Wellhead Protection Advisory Committee. He stated that there were five key areas the committee was focusing on: Public Education, Nitrate Source Inventory, Best Management Practices, Conservation of Water, and Other Solutions. The committee feels that education and promotion is the first step in this whole process. *Grant* monies are being looked at for some of the future funding for this project. The committee will decide the priorities where monies could be expended. The Board will discuss Hastings Utilities' funding at budget time.

Scott Kleeb (Utilities Conservation Company) appeared before the Board and updated them on where his company is at this point. He stated that they will be working with 30 homes at this time and will be able to come up with a cost savings analysis.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, to write off uncollectible accounts for accounting purposes only in the amount of \$21,679.97, and that staff be instructed to continue collection efforts on these accounts. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Don Cox updated the Board with a presentation on the Central Plains Energy Project's (CPEP) next project. This project #2 may be the last deal this group may complete as they will have a substantial portion of their supplies purchased in long term contracts. If Hastings Utilities would like to participate in this project, a decision will need to be made in July. This item will be discussed at the July 16th Board meeting.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Hunt, to direct staff to prepare a CPEP Project Participation Resolution for action at the next Board meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Hunt, Anderson, Krieger, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Poppe left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Chairman Anderson asked Shoemaker, Krieger and Goebel to serve on a CPEP committee to further explore the details of the project.

Keith Leonhardt updated the Board on PPGA Activities and the minutes of the meeting were reviewed.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Chairman Anderson addressed a concern on improper disposal of fly ash that was given to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality by an anonymous concerned citizen. The NDEQ investigated the complaint and determined that there were no problems.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Secretary