

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 Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 25, 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, Krieger

Absent: Dewalt

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, Stange, Hemberger, Goebel, Odom, Scherr and Guests Dee Haussler (HEDC), Steve Piranio, Tom Bramble (Mid America Pump), Dan Marshall (Mid West Powdercoat), Stan Karash (Karding Inc.), Mary Karash (Mary Karash Janitorial), Jeff Lavene (Wilson Case, Inc.), Ralph Schwartz (EPA-FEMA), Riley Cook (T-L Irrigation), Bill Phillips (Phillips Industries), Rick Velde (Remington Seeds), Dawn Placke (Remington Seeds), Marily Anthony (Hastings Hide), Matt Friend (Matt Friend Trucking), Scott Friend (Matt Friend Trucking), Bryan Hayes (Valley Engineering), Bud Zade (Sunrise Composites, Inc.), Tom Wickham (Sunrise Composites, Inc.), Larry Harvey, Bob Hansen (HRFD), Bob Rose (Clay County Emergency Management), Rod Davis (Davis Tree Service)

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.

A discussion was held on the Phil Johnson & Associates Water System. Willis Hunt, owner of the system, has declared his intent to eventually shut the system down. Customers of the Phil Johnson & Associates water system were present, having been invited to the meeting by the Chairman to share ideas of where the system should go from here. Marv Schultes gave a presentation on how the system is operated, what role Hastings Utilities takes in providing wholesale water to the system, and some of the problems facing the system.

Chairman Anderson suggested a committee be formed to investigate options and lengthy discussion took place on the options.

A volunteer committee of land owners and water customers of the Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc. water system was formed to work with the Board to investigate options including the possibility of an SID or a Rural Water District. The committee agreed to meet immediately following this Board meeting.

The committee will include George Anderson, Scott Krieger, Steve Scherr, Dee Haussler, Tom Bramble, Jeff Lavene, Rick Velde, Matt Friend, Dave Niemoth, and the Manager and appropriate staff members of Hastings Utilities.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of September 17, 2009, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued September 28, 2009, with the exception of check no. 6615 to Sullivan Shoemaker Witt & Burns and check no. 6677 to Gessford Machine Shop, Inc.

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- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,571,931.06

- General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,685,997.86

d. Review of payroll for period ending September 26, 2009

e. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-146 Installation of a three-phase overhead transformer bank to serve the new Dental Ceramics Building at 19th St. and North Kansas Ave. Estimated Cost: \$7,794

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

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, to approve check no. 6615 to Sullivan Shoemaker Witt & Burns in the amount of \$715.98. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Anderson. Nays; None. Shoemaker abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve check no. 6677 to Gessford Machine Shop, Inc. in the amount of \$1,876.85. Roll Call: Ayes; Krieger, Shoemaker, Hunt. Nays; None Anderson abstained. Motion carried.

There were no miscellaneous and future agenda items discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Secretary