

Minutes for Meeting held on February 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Glen Falkenthal. Also in attendance were Dennis Uecker, Wayne Schultz, Josh Prescher, Todd Tessmann, Cade Schreiber, Barry Moder, Kevin Neu and Jamie Kulke. Ted Engelbart was absent.

The minutes from the meetings held on January 13th were reviewed. A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Josh to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Josh, seconded by Wayne to approve the January vouchers #43298-43331, January WPPI Energy Power Bill, and the electronic transfers for a total of \$285,590.78. Motion carried.

The monthly report was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Todd gave the managers report. Wastewater rates were discussed. The last rate increase was January 1, 2016. Considering an increase of 5%. A replacement plotter will be purchased for \$2,299. The electric shop will be having some work done inside. Looking at getting it painted possibly this week and new flooring next week. Brody Bridgham has been shadowing for his senior project. The water bids are due February 13th.

The assistant manager report was given by Cade. Saturday February 1st they had a customer with a partial outage on Spearhead Trail. They had an open neutral so their lights were flickering. Cade and Logan have been working on tree trimming. The Hwy E/Hillcrest recloser is finished. The Anthony Island recloser has been relocated to Oaklawn Rd. Logan is working on putting transformer information into a spreadsheet to gather load information. Cade attended the joint leadership meeting at WPPI. The transfer station pump was changed last month.

Kevin gave the water operator report. They noticed some high pumpage on their reports and didn't know if there was another break in the system. But our reports from our AMI meters came in and there was extremely high usage at a property on Tweedy street. The customer lives out of state but had a relative meet with Kevin at the house and turns out there was a broken pipe in the basement. The county has put a temporary patch on the road from last months water main break. That will be fixed this summer. Kevin noted on the pumpage reports how you can see there is a break because of the high spikes. The DNR sanitary inspection is complete. The caulking at well 2 needs to be redone. There were a few minor deficiencies that have been resolved.

Barry gave the wastewater report. We were approved to continue testing E Coll samples for another year as a trial period. They are discussing different treatment options, including sludge treatments. We are seeing typical increases in BODs and suspended solids on the graphs.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2025 at 9 am.

A motion was made by Wayne, seconded by Josh to move into closed session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Motion to open session was made by Dennis, seconded by Josh. Motion carried.

Kevin was asked to return to the meeting.

Discussion was held with Kevin regarding promoting him to Water/Wastewater Superintendent. All of the commissioners expressed extreme satisfaction with his performance over the last 5 years both in the water and wastewater departments and feel it the appropriate time for him to move into this newly created position.

A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Wayne to approve the Water/Wastewater Superintendent and the Operator job descriptions, appoint Kevin Neu as the Water/Wastewater Superintendent at a rate of \$46.00 per hour to be effective immediately. Motion carried.

Kevin addressed the commission and expressed his gratitude for the promotion and mentioned how he enjoys working for the utility.

Glen presented Kevin with his 5 year employment certificate.

A motion was made by Josh, seconded by Wayne to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.