

OSAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Regular Meeting
April 23, 2015 8:30 a.m.
OMU Board Room

1) Call Meeting To Order, Roll Call, Recognize Guests

Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Harlan Bremer.

Present: Harlan Bremer, Jen Frein, Nan Jakobson, Tom Kenny, Rob Stangel, and Laura Kuennen. Absent: Royce Tack. Guests: Beth Blumberg, CRC Director.

2) Public forum

None.

3) Communications

None.

4) Consent agenda

a) Approve agenda

A motion (Frein, Kenny) was made and unanimously passed to approve the April 23, 2015 agenda.

b) Approve minutes of previous meeting – March 19, 2015

c) Approve trade accounts

d) Approve cash flow projections, financial statements, and energy reports

A motion (Frein, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting, trade accounts, cash flow projections, financial statements, and energy reports.

5) Departmental reports

a) General Manager Report

The Generation Verification Test Capacity conducted on March 26 yielded total net generation of 17,301 kW for the power plant. The gas welding truck and telecom truck that were recently replaced were taken to the sale yard on March 30 and sold for \$4,600 and \$1,300, respectively. Expansion service agreement templates are nearing completion. Customers will be contacted and a decision finalized once received. The following meetings are upcoming: Northern Municipal Distributors Group – April 30 in Austin, MN; Dairyland Power Coop annual meeting – June 3 in Lacrosse, WI; and US Energy annual energy conference – June 4 in Minneapolis, MN.

b) Telecom Director Report

The Iowa House continues to advance a broadband bill supporting higher Internet speeds in under and unserved areas. Wireless broadband customers experiencing interference were converted to the new wireless broadband system. Plans are to convert the remaining rural wireless customers this spring. Broadband has become an economic driver vital for community growth as reported at IAMU's Broadband Conference.

6) Business items

- a) A motion (Kenny, Frein) was made and unanimously passed to approve 1st Quarter 2015 Bad Debts.
- b) A motion (Jakobson, Kenny) was made and unanimously passed to approve the recommended list of More Cents grant recipients. Osage V.F.W. Post 7920 was awarded \$1,000 for window replacement.
- c) A motion (Kenny, Frein) was made and unanimously passed to amend Resolution #417 Authorizing Membership in the Upper Midwest Municipal Energy Group (UMMEG).
- d) A motion (Kenny, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to eliminate the positions of Telecom Director, Broadband Services Coordinator, Telecom Construction Supervisor, Telecom Senior Plant Technician and Telecom Technician effective upon the positions being vacated.
- e) A motion (Frein, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with IBEW, Local Union 288 that modifies the existing 2015-2017 Labor Agreement as it applies to department supervisor position titles and telecom department position titles, descriptions and wage scale.

7) Other business

- a) CRC Director, Beth Blumberg gave the CRC update to the board and expressed appreciation for OMU's support of the CRC. Ms. Blumberg also shared information regarding the activities planned for the week of April 27th to May 3rd in celebration of the CRC's 5th anniversary.
- b) General Manager Stangel updated the board on CRC and OMU solar project progress and results of discussion during a joint conference call held with the entities and consultants on April 13, 2015.
- c) General Manager Stangel shared with the board the agenda and discussion topics of the quarterly UMMEG meeting held on April 8, 2015.

8) Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

9) Adjournment

Harlan Bremer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.