

OSAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Regular Meeting
February 19, 2015 8:30 a.m.
OMU Board Room

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

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Tack.

Present: Harlan Bremer, Jen Frein, Nan Jakobson, Tom Kenny, Royce Tack, Rob Stangel, Jane Michels and Laura Kuennen. Absent: None. Guests: None.

2) **Public forum**

None.

3) **Communications**

General Manager Stangel introduced Laura Kuennen, the individual hired as the new OMU Accounting/Finance Director.

4) **Consent agenda**

A motion (Frein, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to approve the February 19, 2015 consent agenda.

a) **Approve agenda**

b) **Approve minutes of previous meeting – January 22, 2015.**

c) **Approve trade accounts**

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

5) **Departmental reports**

a) **General Manager Report**

OMU plans to conduct an electric and natural gas rate study in the upcoming months to determine what rate adjustments may be necessary. The annual Generation Verification Test Capacity with Dairyland Power Coop is scheduled for March 26, 2015. The telecom truck that was replaced last fall will be taken to the sale yard. Field work for the 2014 audit was completed the last week of January. Noncash yearend adjustments were made that reduced electric net income to write-off prior period bond issuance costs due to an accounting policy change and increased purchased power expense for the year to accrue additional wholesale power costs for the year.

b) **Telecom Director Report**

The FCC plans to reclassify the Internet under Title II to enforce net neutrality protection, so smaller ISPs have petitioned the FCC for relief from burdensome Title II regulations. The Iowa Senate has filed a bill requiring the ICN to facilitate public/private partnerships. OMU continues customer conversions to the digital phone system and improvements to the high speed Internet system.

6) **Business items**

a) A motion (Kenny, Frein) was made and unanimously passed to amend Resolution #382 To Approve The Osage Municipal Utilities Credit Card Policy.

- b) A motion (Frein, Bremer) was made and unanimously passed to authorize Jane Michels and Laura Kuennen to be appointed as Bank of America account authorized contacts.
- c) A motion (Frein, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to approve compensation rate for Laura Kuennen.
- d) A motion (Bremer, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to increase CATV rates to meet 2015 programming and retransmission fee increases. The board determined that a 10% increase was needed to cover rising costs and directed management to revise the rate structure accordingly and publish with a 30 day notice once complete.

7) Other business

- a) General Manager Stangel updated the board on CRC and community solar project discussions.
- b) Trustee Bremer shared the 2014 CRC Annual Report with the board.

8) Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

9) Adjournment

Chairman Tack declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.