

OSAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Regular Meeting
July 23, 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, and Jane Michels. Absent: Laura Kuennen. Guests: Dennis Fannin.

2) Public forum

None.

3) Communications

None.

4) Consent agenda

a) Approve agenda

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

b) Approve minutes of previous meeting – June 24, 2015 and July 13, 2015

c) Approve trade accounts

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

A motion (Bremer, Kenny) was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 and July 13, 2015 meetings, trade accounts, cash flow projections, financial statements, and energy reports.

5) Departmental reports

a) General Manager Report

Construction on the gas & telecom service expansions south of Osage is expected to begin within the next week. General Manager Stangel further reported on a gas line that was ruptured by a contractor at the Mitchell County Courthouse and the method for recovering labor, materials, and natural gas lost from the event.

b) Operations Report and Office Report

Operational reports for the plant, electric, gas and telecommunications departments as well as the office report were given.

6) Business items

a) A motion (Frein, Jakobson) was made and unanimously passed to amend Resolution No. 342, Project Share eligibility and benefit criteria to increase the maximum assistance from \$250 to \$500 and remove weatherization audit requirement.

b) A motion (Kenny, Bremer) was made and unanimously passed to approve a proposal to market transformer.

c) A motion (Jakobson, Bremer) was made and unanimously passed to approve rate for new Telecom Services Technician.

7) Other business

- a) General Manager Stangel shared information from the Gas rate study completed on July 6, 2015, which was followed by board discussion on the rate proposals presented.
- b) General Manager Stangel updated the board on contacts made and progress towards site selection for the OMU solar project. A special meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. to further discuss prospective locations.
- c) Discussed the impacts on OMU of moving the Seminary building to its new location. Joyce Ruehlow will be present at the August board meeting with further details on this topic.
- d) Discussed installation of a wireless tower in Mitchell to provide service to potential new wireless customer(s) and increase signal levels to existing wireless customers in Mitchell.
- e) Trustee Bremer gave the CRC update to the board.

8) Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

9) Adjournment

Chairman Tack declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.