

MINUTES

**Blue Earth Light and Water
Board Meeting Group
BELW Board Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
BELW Board Room**



A. Call to Order

The meeting was "Called to Order" at 5:00 pm

B. Meeting Attendance

Board Members Present:

Mark Loge

Tim Juba

Bernie Kriewall

Lars Bierly

Dan Mensing

Staff Present:

Laurie Oelke, Office Manager

Tim Stoner, General Manager

Special Guest:

Sara Beavers, Oberloh and Associates

C. General Reports

1. Public Forum and Correspondence

2016 Audit Presentation

2016 Audited Financials Reviews

Sara Beavers from Oberloh and Associates presented the 2016 audit findings. The report listed no "material weaknesses" and/or "significant deficiencies". Overall, the financial system changes have proved to be a smooth transition. Both water and electric utilities are financially sound.

The audited financials were approved by the Board.

Move: Lars Bierly Second: Tim Juba Status: Passed

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from April 17, 2017.

Attachment 2017-05-01

Move: Tim Juba Second: Bernie Kriewall Status: Passed

3. Financial Review

The Board reviewed the updated Income Statement and Balance Sheet from March of 2017.

4. Review Monthly Power Cost Adjustment

The Board reviewed the monthly Power Cost Adjustment based on the April 2017 Energy Cost. The adjustment was .002763 per kwh.

5. Approval of Accounts Payable

The reviewed and approved the accounts payable. The accounts for April 2017 totaled \$634,343 Large accounts included \$219,791 for Energy/Capacity and Transmission, \$35,798 for water meter, \$29,800 for well maintenance and \$14,100 for roof repairs at the water plant.

Attachment 2017-05-02

Move: Lars Bierly Second: Tim Juba Status: Passed

6. Review of Project Status

Water Plant SCADA, and the Meter replacement projects are on schedule.

7. Review of Outage Reports

No new Outages to report.

8. Approval of Collection/Write off Activity

To be delivered at meeting

The Board reviewed the collection and write off report as presented.

Attachment 2017-05-03

D. New Business

1. Nordberg Service

The Nordberg is being removed from service following the findings from Farabee Mechanical, current repair cost will exceed 100K, RICE/NESHAP is 70K to bring unit into compliance. Until further discussion the unit is no longer considered an emergency option for the utility.

2. Staff updates

The Board approved the Board Chair to sign into contract the pre-existing early retirement agreement for the last "Rule of 90" employee.

Move: Mark Loge Second: Bernie Kriewall Status: Passed

3. CMPPA Update

Alliant replacement contract, Solar, Branding

The Solar project is to be installed late June, the flyer will included into the billing for June.

The new energy contract will be discussed during the Board meeting in June.

4. Street Committee 5 yr plan

The attached five year street project plan developed the by the Blue Earth Street Committee was discussed.

E. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm