

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 PM, on April 10, 2012, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Mary Ann McComas, John McIntosh, and Greg Hapgood were present. Hapgood called the meeting to order. Robert Anderson arrived at 4:08 PM and John Bender arrived at 5:05 PM. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Jerry Blazek Operations Supervisor and Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman.

Hapgood asked Steigerwaldt to begin the department's strategic goal setting work session. Steigerwaldt handed out an agenda for the group to follow. Past accomplishments were noted, present needs and opportunities were listed and future goals, issues, and programs were reviewed. Steigerwaldt will prepare a draft department action plan for staff and the board to review at the next meeting in May.

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 13, 2012 were reviewed along with the March disbursements, and the March 2012 fund balance report. Motion by McComas, seconded by McIntosh to approve same. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by McComas approving a Fire Hydrant Painter Contract for summer 2012. Steigerwaldt informed the board that this student worked for the department last summer and did a very professional job. Everyone has been very pleased with her workmanship. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Steigerwaldt shared with the board the news of the revised calculations by Mike Gannon which lengthened the time line when the department would theoretically be approaching the 50% draw down limit within the Jordan Aquifer. This would be subject to the legislators passing the new rule regarding the drawdown limit for the Jordan Aquifer. DNR staff hopes to have this revised rule ready for next year's session.

Steigerwaldt also told the board he spoke with another DNR employee named Bob Drustrup who has been monitoring the Ralston site. Mr. Drustrup reassured Steigerwaldt that there was very little concern that Well #1 would be impacted by the Ralston site in the future. Steigerwaldt requested that a meeting and documentation stating these findings and shared them with the Water Supply division of the DNR so that in the future this information would be readily available.

Blazek updated the board on the field activities: Service Dept: remote read meters installed in 18 accounts; 189 meter read orders; 62 straight meters to radio; 203 tag orders; 82 service calls; and 523 locations worked. Inspection continued on the Booster Station project at Well #7. Two new service lines were tapped and installed for two properties along 12<sup>th</sup> Street ahead of the city's storm sewer project. Staff showed photos of two new service lines they recently installed for Goodyear and the Kum & Go gas station along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Subdivision inspection and locates also kept the workers very busy. March gallons pumped: 72,699,000.

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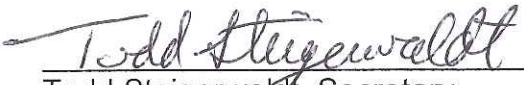
Steigerwaldt shared with the board the monthly building permit report. There were 16 new permits last month. There was one 3-plex condo, one duplex condo, 12 new homes and 2 commercial/home remodel construction permits issued.

Steigerwaldt provided the board additional artist sketches done by Marion school students who would like to paint a mural design on the 0.5 MG ground storage tank at Well Site #3 located at 3050 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The board chose a sketch that resembled an aquarium scene and asked Steigerwaldt for the students to refine the sketch before the next board meeting for their final approval. Marion's "One Day in May" community service project is scheduled to occur May 14<sup>th</sup>. Steigerwaldt was hopefully that the tank contractor would be able to paint the tank before May 14<sup>th</sup> otherwise the students would not be able to paint the tank on that day.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

Chairman Hapgood adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

  
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Gregory O. Hapgood  
Chairman

  
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Todd Steigerwaldt, Secretary