

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM, on March 10, 2015, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Greg Hapgood, John Bender, and John McIntosh were present. William Kling and Mary Ann McComas were absent. Chairman Hapgood called the meeting to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary and Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman.

Chairman Hapgood asked the board members if they would like to hear from Mr. Nick Glew, president of Medco, regarding the Medco capital campaign request now or later in the meeting. The board members agreed that Mr. Glew could speak first before the other agenda items. Mr. Glew shared literature regarding Medco's past success and what future projects were being considered. He also thanked the board for their past financial contributions to Medco. He mentioned they are embarking on the next five year capital campaign project and he discussed the possible financial contribution levels that organizations could sponsor. He stated there were approximately 150 unique investors currently sponsoring Medco. The board members asked some specific questions about several of the new projects occurring in Marion. Since two of the five board members were missing the board thought it would be best to table the financial contribution amount until the next board meeting. However, the three members present did feel that Medco was a good organization that benefited Marion and they were supportive of continuing to financially supporting Medco.

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Bender to table the five year capital campaign decision until the April board meeting when all the board members could be present. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held at 5:15 PM on February 10, 2015 were reviewed along with the February disbursements, and the February 2015 fund balance report. No discussion occurred. Motion by Bender, seconded by McIntosh to approve same. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Hapgood opened a public hearing at 5:41 P.M. to discuss increasing water rates for the city water permit 5751035 and the Glenbrook Cove water permit 5751040. Steigerwaldt stated there were no written or oral statements received. Hapgood closed the public meeting as there were no other people present.

Resolution 15-02 approving water rate increase as published in the Marion Times on March 5, 2015. Motion by Bender, seconded by McIntosh. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Hapgood to approve disposal of fleet vehicle truck #6, a 2004 Ford F-250. Staff will solicit bids after the annual fire hydrant flushing program is completed as they want to utilize this truck one more time. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by Hapgood to approve participating in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation Program. Steigerwaldt told the board he was directly contacted by a spokesman for this program. He stated the program has been around four years. Water customers can participate if they want and possibly even win prizes. The board was a little concerned if there was a lot of conservation suddenly what that would do to the revenue. Steigerwaldt stated this program would

have very little impact on the revenue at this time and long term we want to promote water conservation in general as we eventually deal with aquifer sustainability. Vote: all Ayes (3-0)

Huhndorf updated the board on the field activities: Service Department: remote read meters installed on 13 accounts; 890 meter read orders; 132 straight meters to radio; 172 tag orders; 31 service calls; and 81 utility locations located. There were seven water main leaks in February. Crews continued to install new radios read units on existing business routes.

Well #9 now has power and is ready to pump water to see if we can clean up the high iron concentration. Crews rebuilt booster pump #1 at Site #5 and repainted the inside of Well house #1.

February gallons pumped: 67,960,000

### Secretary Report –

Steigerwaldt informed the board there were only 4 building permits issued last month.

He stated he presented at the Region 1 AWWA Spring meeting in Manchester, Iowa regarding the proposed Jordan Aquifer rule revisions. He was asked to present at two other meetings in in the future. He was also on NPR radio on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the River to River radio segment talking about the Jordan Aquifer.

He met with Senator Liz Mathis and updated her on the Jordan Aquifer rule revisions as well as the proposal to phase out the sales tax on residential water.

Steigerwaldt mentioned a settlement offer on the Well #4 insurance claim was presented by Traveler but it did not provide compensation for the “fishing” of the motor and pump out of the well. Steigerwaldt received information from Des Moines who has the same carrier and was compensated for this additional cost. Our local insurance agent wrote a strong letter to ICAP and they are looking at the two claims and will get back to us on this matter.

Steigerwaldt was pleased to announce that our utility worker, David Besler, successfully passed the DNR water treatment exam on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will now have an additional staff member able to rotate in for the weekend plant operation shifts.

Steigerwaldt shared with the board a brief update on the city's new website and the data that Google Analytics was collecting.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

  
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Todd Steigerwaldt  
Secretary

  
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Gregory O. Hapgood  
Chairman