

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Water Department's Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM, on August 11, 2015, in the executive conference room of City Hall, Marion, Iowa. Trustees Greg Hapgood, John Bender, Mary Ann McComas, William Kling, and John McIntosh were present. Chairman Hapgood called the meeting to order. Other people attending the meeting included Todd Steigerwaldt, Board Secretary, Andy Smith, Operations Foreman, and Curt Huhndorf, Distribution Foreman.

Minutes of the regular monthly board meeting held at 5:15 PM on July 14, 2015 were reviewed along with the July disbursements, and the July 2015 fund balance report. Bender asked if there were two payments to Northway Corporation last month for well #6 maintenance work for \$67,065.05. Steigerwaldt stated he had paid their invoice ahead of the official meeting action item. There were not two payments being made for \$67,065.05 to Northway. Later on in the agenda the board would be taking action on approving the one payment to Northway Corporation for the work done on Well #6. Bender also asked about the overtime hours that employees had. Smith stated there were two water main breaks last month along with several summer construction projects that have caused the increase in the overtime hours last month.

Steigerwaldt stated he had visited with Farmers State Bank on possible investment opportunities with the surplus funds in the general fund. Farmers State Bank will be getting back to him with some options. He will also visit with NXT Bank where the department has investments to see if they will accept more money in our savings account which is currently paying 1.25% interest. He would like to invest some additional funds where we could earn more money than what we are currently getting at Farmers State Bank. Motion by McComas, seconded by Bender to approve same. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by McComas, approving water main application for Hunters Field 9<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt reviewed with the board this addition's location which is north of Connection Avenue between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Winslow Road. Ghassan Halloush was the developer of this subdivision and there were only 6 single family lots planned for this addition. Construction had already started and paving would be completed this fall. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by McIntosh, approving water main application for Hunters Field 10<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of Marion. Steigerwaldt stated this addition was located right by the 9<sup>th</sup> addition mentioned above. The developer is Karl Rosenberg with Fritz Development. He stated there were 17 single family lots planned for this addition and construction had already started there as well. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Bender to approve a water main hookup reimbursement payment to Linn Mar School per an existing rebate agreement for the Prairie Trail 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to Marion for \$4,962.98. Steigerwaldt stated Skogman Homes was final platting the Prairie Trail 1<sup>st</sup> Addition and submitted a check for \$4,962.98 to the Marion Water Department to reimburse Linn Mar School per the existing water main hookup agreement. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Kling to approve payment to Northway Corporation for maintenance on well #6 in the amount of \$67,065.05. Steigerwaldt stated there will be at least one more invoice from them for super chlorinating the well again because

the bacteria tests keep coming back positive. Staff has tried many times to get the well to pass the bacteria test but have not been successful to date. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Kling, seconded by Bender approving two payments to Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. for \$1,767.00. Steigerwaldt stated the two payments were for the two existing contracts we have with V&K for painting the Lindale and 31<sup>st</sup> Street water towers. Smith updated the board on the status of the Lindale painting project and Steigerwaldt shared some photos of the work done to date. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by Bender, seconded by McIntosh to retain Veenstra and Kimm Inc. as the Project Engineer for the 31<sup>st</sup> street Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project. Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by Kling to approve Resolution 15-11, a resolution of necessity for 31<sup>st</sup> Street Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McComas, seconded by McIntosh to approve Resolution 15-12, ordering preparation of detailed plans, specifications, notice of hearing, notice to bidders and form of contract for 31<sup>st</sup> Street Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Bender to approve Resolution 15-13, approving detailed plans and specifications, notice of hearing, notice to bidders and form of contract for 31<sup>st</sup> Street Elevated Storage Tank Coating Project. Bender asked if there was an engineer's estimate for the project's total cost. Steigerwaldt searched the specification booklet but did not see an estimate. He recalled he previously asked the engineer for a cost estimate on the Lindale Tower Coating Project. He would call the engineer to get this estimate for the next board meeting. He anticipated it being more expensive than the Lindale project because it was taller, has communication equipment on it and sits adjacent to Barnes Manufacturing which will make tight working conditions for the contractor. Steigerwaldt also told the board he will be seeking a temporary construction easement from Tom Barnes for this project. He may reduce Barnes's parking rent amount as they will not be able to use these stalls during the painting project of approximately 4 months. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes (5-0)

Steigerwaldt told the board the latest radium test came back from Well #7 at 5.0 pCi/L which is down from the June test result which was at 6.2 pCi/L. He has contracted several DNR staff from Wisconsin who had given him a consultant's name from the Twin Cities that could perform a geophysical study on the well. This may help determine where the high radium level is coming from. The well could then be sealed off in this area. He will research this firm and get a quote for doing a geophysical study on the well. He noted that only two residents called since the second radium test result article was published in the Gazette. He will continue to research other possible solutions for the radium issue.

Smith updated the board on the field activities: Service Department: remote read meters installed on 11 accounts; 3299 meter reads; 49 straight meters to radio; 171 tag orders; 75 service calls; and 693 utility locations were located.

Smith stated Well site #6 was still unsuccessful with getting the bacteria test to come back negative. Northway was there today re-chlorinating the well. He stated the overall pumping amount was up do to the warmer weather and the distribution crew has been making good progress on the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue water main relay project. There were two water main breaks on the old water main along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a lot of service line taps were done for new subdivisions.

July gallons pumped: 103,352,000

### Secretary Report –

Steigerwaldt informed the board there were 20 new building permits issued last month. He told the board he had not yet heard back from the insurance company on the electrolysis insurance claim for the pump at Well site #6. He did contact a third party expert who submitted a letter to our insurance company stating the pump was damaged by electrolysis.

He stated a new insurance claim was filed as a result of the boring machine hitting a shallow sanitary sewer line at 980 27<sup>th</sup> Street with the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue water main relay project. Both our insurance company and the homeowner's insurance company were handling the cleanup and restoration.

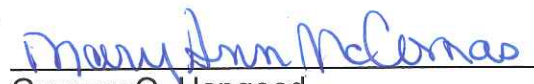
He also asked our insurance company to check our buildings for possible hail damage. An inspector came and inspected the sites but we have not officially heard yet if we sustained any damage.

The next regular monthly meeting for the water board was set for 5:15 PM on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Bender stated he would not be able to attend this meeting but the other board members were available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

  
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Todd Steigerwaldt

Secretary

  
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Gregory O. Hapgood

Chairman