

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the District Board was called to order by Chairman Strohbeck at 7:30 p.m. at the District office. Additions to the agenda were additional O & M bills for approval.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Steve Strohbeck, Steve Ruppert, Eugene Feldmann, Kerry Bertels, Robert Kercher and Brad Huette were present. Jessica Thomas was absent. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: None

The minutes of the May 19, 2021, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS SECONDED BY STEVE RUPPERT THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY MEETING BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The May Treasurer's report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for May \$190,021.03, bank interest \$6,497.52, expenses \$175,722.64 and depreciation \$39,542.88 resulting in a loss of \$18,746.97. Transfers among accounts for the months were also reported. Treasurer reported a notice from Associated Bank was received about an increase in fees. We are currently being charged \$250-\$300 on the Fund account and those will be more in the coming months. Liberty Bank was comparable to others researched and closer than most. Treasurer asked permission to start the process of moving accounts to Liberty Bank.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY BRAD HUETTE THAT THE MAY TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED AND ALLOW THE TREASURER TO MOVE FUNDS FROM ASSOCIATED BANK TO LIBERTY BANK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O & M bills for May previously sent to the Board, were presented along with additional bills for discussion and payment approval and questions were answered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT SECONDED BY GENE FELDMANN THAT THE JUNE O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT: Manager reported the Wenzel chemical feed is working well but Woodburn still struggles to get good chlorine levels. NAP sampling is on hold until supplies can be received, they are on backorder. VFD are waiting on parts. Ameren says there is nothing that can be done about the voltage imbalance at Wenzel.

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Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$102.50	31,800 gal	77.56 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$ 58.25	14,500 gal1	100.86 gal/cn

MANAGER REPORT- Another month with loss – if it continues we may have to look into raising rates but expenses should go down now.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – Madison County and Godfrey have signed the Seiler Road Phase II Intergovernmental Agreement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO ACCEPT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ILLINOIS SOLAR CONTRACT – Manager reported there is no charge to place the panels to the ground instead of roof. There is a 25 year warranty on panels and 10 year warranty on the inverter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY BRAD HUETTE TO ACCEPT THE ILLINOIS SOLAR CONTRACT AND PLACE SOLAR PANELS ON THE PROPERTY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT ORDINANCE – Attorney Balsters completed the ordinance as requested before the pandemic. FWD would provide 30 days notice to the property owner to pay the bill or a lien will be placed on the property. If the property goes into foreclosure we would be last in line to collect. The cost of filing the lien will be placed on the lien amount.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY GENE FELDMANN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

GOOD ENERGY CONTRACT - Manager reported the contract is up for renewal with Good Energy (our 3rd party provider). He asked to renew the contract and have permission to do so without having to bring it to the board each time. They assured him the solar panels will not be an issue.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY BRAD HUETTE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH GOOD ENERGY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE AND SECONDED BY GENE FELDMANN TO ALLOW THE MANAGER PERMISSION TO RENEW THE GOOD ENERGY CONTRACT WITHOUT CONSULTING THE BOARD. MOTION PASSED WITH RUPPERT VOTING NO.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Kimberlee J. Owens
Secretary