

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2019**

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

Ace Tech	\$ 110.00
Mike's Inc.	\$ 627.06
Schwartzkopf Printing	\$ 180.00
U.S. Bank Card	\$2407.73
Williams Office Products	\$ 247.50

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

The minutes of the October 16, 2019 regular meeting, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KRISTINE JARDEN AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS THE OCTOBER MINUTES BE APPROVED WITH CORRECTION. MOTION PASSED WITH STROHBECK ABSENT.

The Treasurer's Report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for October \$214,978.34, bank interest \$3,141.07, expenses \$163,874.52 and depreciation \$38,729.90 resulting in a profit of \$15,514.99. Transfers among accounts for the month were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY EUGENE FELDMANN THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED WITH STROHBECK ABSENT.

O & M bills, 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 KERRY BERTELS SECONDED BY JESSICA THOMAS THAT THE O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED WITH STROHBECK ABSENT.

OLD BUSINESS

DELGATIONS: Seth & Kenny from Heneghans were present to discuss the Seiler Rd project and water treatment plant. They met with Mark Gvillo & Greg Schuette from the County along with the Manager and Chairman Strohbeck. The county engineer wants to fix conflict areas only but it will cost \$100,000 more to run all new line. They want to bid in January but the earliest FWD could start is June or July. If FWD secured easements and went private use it would reduce costs. FWD has no right of way rights in the county, township, etc. Attorney Balsters says FWD would have a weak case to go “public use” because the road was there first. Mark Gvillo stated FWD could use Right of Way and they would pay future relocations or damages. Water has to continue to flow while during construction and the cost could be \$350,000 to go around Deerfield since there is no spot on Wenzel while the work is ongoing.

The other thing to consider is the route of flow if FWD purchases water from the water treatment plant. Wenzel currently has a 10 inch and would need upgraded to 12 or 16 to accommodate the Alleval water. The test wells are good. FWD has to make a decision by the end of the year whether to purchase or not so the engineers can start on the plans. It will be built with 25% expansion but if FWD bought after is it built that would be at maximum capacity and upgrades would be FWD’s responsibility. A purchase agreement has not been presented yet and questions arose about a penalty for FWD not purchasing until the Illinois American contract is up. More information will be presented next month.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY EUGENE FELDMANN THAT FWD PURSUE THE RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMNT WITH THE COUNTY AND REPLACE ALL THE LINE. MOTION PASSED WITH STROHBECK ABSENT.

WORK REPORT:

Manager reported the O&M workers checked leaks, fixed leaks and a main leak. Some old analog meters are starting to fail- there is a 20 yr warranty so new ones are being reissued. Snowguards are here and ready for installation. The roof on the pumphouse is done and needed 4 sheets of plywood.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$ 74.50	23,200 gal	77.85 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$ 51.00	14,800 gal	72.55 gal/cn

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

2 meters were pulled on Detour Rd due to theft of water – renter cut the lock. Chlorine issues due to uneven flow from the pump houses. The guys are working on getting the flow evenly split between Fosterburg Rd and Wenzel Rd. A chlorinator will probably be necessary at Cook Booster and a shed to store the chemicals would be \$1,500-2,000. 5 forms have been returned on the S. Dorchester survey.

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH INSURANCE – Current policy went up 4.9%. A new self-insured type plan could be cheaper but the employees have to go through underwriting. Manager suggested paying one month premium and wait until the bid comes in from the new option. An employee had surgery so FWD will probably be paying out \$1,000 on deductible.

LIABILITY INS. – Increased 2.9% due to building values and work comp went down \$500. 2020 premium would be \$27,128.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT KERCHER TO ACCEPT CURRENT LIABILITY AND WORK COMP INSURANCE BIDS. MOTION PASSED WITH STROHBECK ABSENT.

WEX FLEET FUEL CARD – There has been a loss in fuel the last two months. A security camera has been installed but this option to purchase fuel has been presented. FWD would get a monthly bill and the employees could fill up anywhere that accepts it. Each vehicle would have a card assigned to it and the employees will have a security code to identify who filled the vehicle. The gasoline tank would be removed and the diesel would be for off road only.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JESSICA THOMAS AND SECONDED BY EUGENE FELDMANN TO APPLY FOR THE WEX FLEET FUEL CARDS. MOTION PASSED WITH STROHBECK ABSENT.

DORSEY FIRE DEPT HYDRANT – The smoke house is no longer happening but the BHFD has requested a fire hydrant nearer the station for the purpose of filling up the trucks. It would cost \$5,000 – if they want to pay for it we will install it.

The Vice Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Secretary