

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the District Board was called to order by the Chairman 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, Brad Huette and Tricia Sisk were present. Also present was Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: None

The minutes of the September 21, 2022 copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN RUPPERT SECONDED BY BRAD HUETTE
THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING BE APPROVED.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The September Treasurer's report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for September \$214,417.03, bank interest \$4,692.77, expenses \$185,335.82 and depreciation \$40,769.52 resulting in a loss of \$ 6,995.54. Transfers among accounts for the months were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY EUGENE
FELDMANN THAT THE SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED
AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O & M bills for October 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 ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY EUGENE
FELDMANN THAT THE OCTOBER O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR
PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT: Manager reported on the O&M work done. Free Chlorine is over but we still have some flushing going on. The newer backhoe is in the shop and the old one is ready if needed. Vandevanter Engineering is coming to look at the pump issue.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$90.50	27,800 gal	76.79 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$94.50	25,700 gal	67.98 gal/cn

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MANAGER REPORT: Oct 28th is the deadline for IAW rate case ruling. QIP fee resets to 0 – our budget can be estimated by the proposed increase.

Illinois Alluvial Regional Water Company Meeting update – Committees were formed.

NEW BUSINESS

INSURANCE – Dimond Brothers did a cyber test and we are at 30 on 0-100 scale. United System can fix 95% of the issues. Their bid is \$49,451 while the current provider is \$55,732. Dimond Brothers is offering a 3 year price lock.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE AND SECONDED BY ROBERT KERCHER TO ACCEPT THE INSURANCE BID FROM DIMOND BROTHERS FOR LIABILITY AND WORK COMP. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Insurance with current provider is increased 8% - no other bids.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY EUGENE FELDMANN TO ACCEPT THE CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE BID. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SERVLIN – IRWA introduced the company to help save on water loss of customers' breaks. We currently offer a one-time leak credit to the customer if they have a water line break. Servline would cover the water loss for the customer if they pay a monthly premium. The customer would have to opt out of the program and has one year to do so with a full refund. The coverage Illinois American offers is for the line repair not water loss. Research will be done to verify how much loss FWD suffers annually. Topic tabled to next month.

UNITED SYSTEM BILLING UPGRADE – Currently FWD is dealing with lost billing cards through the postal service. The cards are being returned ripped in half and some customers never receive it. In an effort to elevate this problem an enveloped bill is being proposed. The manager contacted the billing software company for options and they offered an upgrade wherein the bills will be sent through them in an envelope with a return envelope once the billing clerk has them ready. This should eliminate the need for a part-time person since the billing clerk will spend less time handling the cards. The fee will be based on the number of customers and set annually with a three year contract. Initial quote is \$5,239.00 per month.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY EUGENE FELDMANN TO ACCEPT THE BILLING UPGRADE AND HAVE THE BILLS PRINTED THROUGH UNITED SYSTEMS. MOTION PASSED BY 6-1.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Kimberlee Owens, Secretary