

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING  
October 18, 2017**

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

Coyle Supply	\$ 185.80
JULIE, Inc.	\$ 554.73
JJ Keller & Assoc.	\$ 204.95
McMaster-Carr	\$ 6.51

Roll was called with the following board members present: Fredrick Aljets, Steve Strohbeck, Fred Bort, Robert Kercher, Kristine Jarden, Todd Clark and Becky Unnerstall. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

**DELGATIONS:**

Trustee Becky Unnerstall addressed the board and asked to move on without the animosity. She asked that the board show her why everyone feels so strongly about the Regional Water Treatment Plant. She announced this is a public board and no one owns the seat they are in. She would like the board member to look at each other as friends and neighbors.

Amy Elik asked about the comment Karen Cooper made in the Advantage article. Bob Kercher replied that Mr. Madison had went to IAW without this board's permission and asked them to prepare an offer to buy FWD. They keep raising the rates and this board is simply looking ahead at different sources. They say they will give the customers back money now but in the end the rates will be more than what we are charging. The manager reported on an Editorial where a lady with the Food & Water Watch stated they did a survey of water systems and found that Illinois residents who are served by private water pay more than a publicly owned water service.

Kathy Wassink suggested the board at least meet with IAW so that the board has the information and all avenues are covered. She also reported the statute says that a district such as FWD cannot assist in creating a water treatment plant. The manager announced the attorney is currently looking into that and we may end up only buying water there if that is the case.

Mark Unnerstall asked about the QIP fee the new water treatment plant would charge - it will be included in the initial cost of water. He believes the amount estimated for electricity to pump water from Bethalto is inflated and that newer motors would be more efficient. Solar power was discussed. He stated he thinks the board has blinders on when it comes to this water treatment plant. He uses IAW for his other properties and does not like the rates either but thinks there has to be another way. Chairman Strohbeck stated IAW was not willing to work with us last year during the chlorine issue and doesn't believe that will change.

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The minutes of the September 20, 2017 regular meeting, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KRISTINE JARDEN AND SECONDED BY FRED BORT THAT THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Treasurer’s Report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for September was \$236,476.33, bank interest \$3,390.41, expenses \$190,905.47, and depreciation \$36,756.24 resulting in a net profit of \$12,385.03. Transfers among accounts for the month were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ALJETS THAT THE TREASURER’S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Investment Report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Total interest income for the third quarter was \$7,262.65.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY KRISTINE JARDEN THAT THE INVESTMENT REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 FRED BORT AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ALJETS THAT THE O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT:

Manager reported on work done for the month: Windy Hill clean up is complete – there is a few issues that need addressed. JCRW had issues with chlorine for a month due to IAW flushing. We should be done flushing in a couple of days. Manager went into detail about the difference of free chlorine and that ground water does not have to be treated this way. Generator for pump-houses is done.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$ 69.25	25,000 gal	90.25 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$132.00	44,200 gal	83.71 gal/cn

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**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Last year we spent \$17,000.00 due to the Chlorine drop. This year the monitors indicated the drop and the guys were able to shut down the valve so IAW had to flush at Route 140. Mark would like to add more monitors since this one appears to be doing the job. The Cook Booster Station was found to have 6 bullet holes in it. It is not a block building like the others so alternatives may have to be explored. A police report was filed and it is uncertain if this was intentional or an accident. The website is up and running. Service truck was replaced and traded at Jerseyville Ford. The county has decided to go forward with the Seiler Rd project. Phase 1 from Humbert Rd to Wenzel would require ½ mile of work. Phase 2 is from Wenzel to Seminary. Securing easements is top priority. Construction is to begin next fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

There is a 9% increase on the health insurance this coming year totaling \$431 per month. We are grandfathered into a non-ACA compliant plan. Mrs. Wassink suggested we look into Medishare.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER TO ACCEPT THE INSURANCE SECONDED BY BECKY UNNERSTALL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**GENERATORS:**

Manager suggests this item be placed in the budget for next year. Two options are LP and Natural Gas. Solar option was discussed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCEHR TO SECURE BIDS ON LP AND NATURAL GAS GENERATORS, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ALJETS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BULK LOAD RATE:**

Manager investigated the bulk load rate and suggested they be changed to 75 gallon/quarter.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FRED BORT TO ADJUST THE BULK LOAD RATE TO 75 GALLONS/QUARTER, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ALJETS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.