

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION

APRIL 27, 2010

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present for roll call were Commissioners Johnson, Stienen, Strick and Chairman Price. Also present was Superintendent Jerry Verstegen.

Commissioner Strick moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 30th Meeting as prepared. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Administrator Hermus noted that the Rate Case has been approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. He has since sent a letter, as required by PSC rules, informing the PSC that the rates will be implemented effective May 1, 2010. Staff is preparing the postcard mailing to fulfill our obligation with the PSC for notifying all customers of the new rates. This is the method we have used to notify customers of past rate increases. Administrator Hermus has also notified Combined Locks and Darboy of the new rate effective date.

The commission discussed the potential sponsorship and participation in the Village Centennial. They had thought about having water bottles printed with the Utility name, but have since decided that would be difficult. After reviewing the promotional packet for the Centennial, Commissioner Strick moved, Johnson seconded the motion to participate as a Bronze Sponsor, with a request to sponsor the Military Band, at a level of \$1,000. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Supt. Verstegen informed the Commission that hydrant flow testing will take place in May in the northwest quadrant of the community. After that is completed, hydrant flushing will occur throughout the community, with directional flushing occurring in the northwest quadrant in the fall. With the velocities being pushed through the mains, this should suffice for water quality. There will also be contacts made with residents who had concerns in the past to determine customer satisfaction. Although no iron complaints have been received in the last month, we want to make sure we are making positive progress. The iron levels remain well below nuisance levels. Commissioner Johnson, whose sister lives in the problem area and has voiced complaints in the past, indicated that she has noted a marked improvement in the water. There was some vandalism at the John Street Plant; spray painting on the west side. This will be painted over. The CCR Report is being included in the upcoming issue of *Kimtalk*. We will also be short of manpower as one Operator will be off from 4 to 6 weeks due to the birth of a child. Finally, the blending of water to increase hardness slightly is working, and salt usage is down.

Commissioner Stienen moved, Strick seconded the motion to approve the bills and claims for the month of April as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Strick seconded the motion to approve the financial statements for the month of March as prepared. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Strick questioned the status of the softener effluent discharge to storm sewer at Fulcer Avenue. Secretary Hermus and Supt. Verstegen both noted that attempts to accomplish this have halted since our last conversation with the DNR. They will not allow the change over, and have also questioned our current discharge to storm sewer, hinting that it should also go to sanitary (even though there is no treatment currently in place at the HOV Plant for chlorides). Based on this, it has not been pursued further, and our advice from others is to leave well enough alone.

Commissioner Strick moved, Stienen seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Rick J. Hermus
Secretary