

**WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
DATE: JUNE 17, 2020**

**Board Members Present:**

Roger Crockett, Lincoln  
Craig Gosen, Edenville  
Laura Grubaugh, Jerome  
Andy Kobisa, Hope  
Bill Page, Edenville  
Dave Rothman, Hope  
Bill Stewart, Lee  
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford  
George Whittington, Lee  
Mike Wood, Jerome

**Staff Present:**

Rowan Everleigh  
Ron Rose

**Drafted:** 6/17/2020

**Approved:** 8/19/20

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**Board Members Absent:**

Carl Hamann, Sanford  
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

**MEETING LOCATION:** Teleconference

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Gosen at 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL:** Performed. 10 members were in attendance, a quorum.

**MINUTES** It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Stewart, to approve minutes for the May 20, 2020 meeting. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

**OPERATIONAL BILLS:** It was moved by Grubaugh, seconded by Stewart, to approve payment of bills totaling \$49,762.57, checks 11645, 11655-11659, 11671-11680. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. It was moved by Grubaugh, seconded by Stewart, to approve payroll totaling \$43,552.67, checks 11646-11654, 11660-11670. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Gosen will report during Executive Committee report.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Everleigh- overdue penalties delayed from 6/15 to 7/15. If penalties had been calculated 6/15, would have totaled \$5,694.33 for 787 accounts. Very busy with new hookup permits. Had an irate customer at the dropbox, Everleigh went out to see if there was a problem. Customer was loud and profane, coughed on hand and wiped on dropbox. Staff is advised that, should this happen again, retreat to building and call 911. Policy Committee will consider new security measures in office building for when the office re-opens to customers. Measures to consider include, not limited to,

security camera inside, lock between foyer and office, electronic lock and remote control to only admit one customer at a time, payment window that doesn't require customers to come inside.

Rose- flood report is included in O&M report. Sold 24 permits. Fixed 2 system leaks, one flood-caused. Replaced 300' of water main. Had approx. dozen disconnects due to flood. Several people upgrading their meters from 3/4" to 1" for lawn sprinklers. May abandon water mains on the south side of Sanford.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Executive Committee:** Gosen- Rural Development sent a letter that we are \$9,900 below the scheduled level for our RRI fund. Everleigh to investigate. RD also wants future audits to reflect principal and interest payments to Midland County. No schedule was attached to RD letter to show reason for their concerns.

Lee Township just re-bonded their water system and lowered their interest rate to 2.6%. Current bond rate on transmission main is 4.375%, worth rebonding. It was moved by Wood, seconded by Stewart, to investigate rebonding. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Hope will also check interest rate on their bond.

Damages from the flood may be partially reimbursed by FEMA. Staff will file a claim with insurance company, as a denial letter is necessary to qualify for FEMA assistance. FEMA assistance is expected to be, at best, 75% and take 1-2 years to appear. Poznak is soliciting plaintiffs for a class action suit over flood damages. Rothman offered to put anyone interested in touch with Cedar Rapids Financial Director who has experience with FEMA assistance after floods.

**Operations and maintenance:** Kobisa- Committee met June 11, minutes sent. There are issues with IT Right. Rock Construction is finishing some details on new building. Correction to meeting minutes, lost water numbers should be 15/25, not 75/25.

It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Stewart, to waive lost water charges in flooded areas only. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

The executive order setting moratorium on water shutoffs has not yet been lifted and still extends to the end of the state of emergency. We will continue to put people in shutoff status to make it possible for them to qualify for assistance. It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Crockett, to waive shutoff fees in the flooded areas, but not to waive turn-on fees. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

**Business and Finance:** Grubaugh- committee met June 16, minutes sent.

**Policy:** Page- no report

**Human Resources:** Wray absent- no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Wood to take over O&M chair from Kobisa, Kobisa and Wood to work through transition before Kobisa's term expires.

OTHER ITEMS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURN It was moved by Kobisa, seconded by Stewart, to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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