

VINTON MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Vinton Municipal Electric Board of Trustees was held on the 13th day of September, 2016, at 5:04 p.m., at the Line Distribution Office, Vinton, Iowa. Chairman Woodhouse presided and the roll being called the following board members were present and absent: Present: Anderson, Kremer, Woodhouse. Absent: Barron, Elwick.

Motion by Kremer, second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion by Woodhouse, second by Kremer to approve invoices in the amount of \$326,657.87. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion by Kremer, second by Anderson to approve the agenda. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Elwick joined the meeting at 5:08 pm.

General Manager Richtsmeier gave an update on the iVinton status. Although the Iowa Fiber Alliance – Phase II did not get the needed participation level required to move forward, many municipals are still interested in developing community broadband infrastructures. Collaboration and information is being shared among these interested parties and looking at ways to form partnerships to reduce transport costs. VMEU is looking into options that exist using CFU, Shellsburg or Independence as possible partners to obtain wholesale service.

Richtsmeier stated that the professional service agreement had been mailed to DBC to start the cost of service and rate design planning. Richtsmeier will have to fill out a survey for DBC prior to the beginning of the cost of service study.

Larry Johnson, farm tenant, has submitted a letter stating that because of declining farm commodity prices he was cancelling the existing farm lease. Motion by Elwick, second by Anderson to authorize Richtsmeier to offer back to Johnson a lower rent ranging from \$10,348 to \$10,500 per year. Question: Yes – All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Richtsmeier stated that for future planning a fourth person for the generation plant might be needed. This will make the on call rotation easier and allow a new employee to gain experience before anyone retires. The Trustees stated it was a good idea, but took no action at this time.

Motion by Elwick, second by Anderson to approve an energy adjustment factor of 3.31 cents per kWh for September billings. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion by Kremer, second by Elwick to receive and file the September revenue and expenditure report. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

AUGUST 2016	Begin. Balance	Revenues	Expenses	End. Balance
		474,002.0		
Operating	2,947,873.06	9	479,791.05	2,942,084.10
Capital Improvement	2,021,335.26	260.92	0.00	2,021,596.18
Self Insurance	750,000.00	0.00	0.00	750,000.00

General Manager Richtsmeier reported on: 1) MISO requested Vinton to generate August 29th and September 7th. 2) Lights and AC equipment were ordered and received for the new substation project. 3) New decorative pole has been ordered for the boulevard. 4) Line crew working on upgrades. 5) New on call rotation and vacation scheduling process. 6) July tornado impact to revenues. 7) He has talked with property owners Hamling and Karr. They are not yet sure if they will rebuild. 8) HISS training and delegation meeting.

Secretary reported that about 160 customers are using a credit or debit card per month. The City Council asked Administrator Ward to send a letter to the Board of Regents asking for a proposal about the IBSSS campus.

Motion by Kremer, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Time: 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Alan S. Woodhouse Chairman

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Cindy Michael Secretary