SOUTHWEST MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
The MARC, 822 W. Mt. Vernon Blvd., Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

Call to Order:

President Roddy Rogers called the meeting to order. The following Directors and/or Alternates were present:

Doug Colvin – City of Nixa, Missouri
Jason Choate - Carthage Water & Electric, Carthage, Missouri
Joe Kelley – City of Mt. Vernon, Missouri
Mike Ray – City of Branson, Missouri
Roddy Rogers – City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri
Skip Schaller – City of Monett, Missouri

The following directors were absent:

David Hertzberg – City of Joplin, Missouri

Additional attendees:

Andrea Collier – Barr Engineering
Clinton Finn – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Devin Smith – KC District Corps of Engineers
Emma Schneider – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Jennifer Henggeler – KC District Corps of Engineers
Lacy Hirschvogel – Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities
Laura Kelley – CDM Smith
Loretta Bishop – City of Branson
Mathew Kirsch – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Matt Barnhart – Missouri American Water Co.
Mike Pessina – City Utilities of Springfield
Phil Walsack – Burns and McDonnell
Tim Feather – CDM Smith

Staff

Gail Melgren – SWMO Joint Regional Water Commission & Tri-State Water Resource Coalition

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Rogers asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting. Doug Colvin noted that he had been listed twice under attendees. Mr. Rogers asked for a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

ACTION: Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Mike Ray, that the minutes from August 21, 2019 be approved as amended. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Chairman Report

Mr. Rogers welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions.

Mr. Rogers updated the board about four municipalities who have joined Tri-State Water Coalition and may also join the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission:

- Stockton – has said they will join.
- Ozark – Has indicated interest in joining.
- Republic – Has indicated interest in joining.
- Willard – Will wait one more year before deciding.

Ms. Melgren reported that each of these municipal representatives has received an email invitation to join the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission, including the joint contract, bylaws, and example ordinance/resolutions to use with their governing bodies.

Mr. Rogers discussed a slate of officers for 2020. The board suggested a carry-over of officers from 2019 with the exception of Doug Colvin replacing Milton Dickensheet, who has retired:

President – Roddy Rogers
Vice President – David Hertzberg
Treasurer – Doug Colvin
Secretary – Chuck Bryant
Ad hoc – Skip Schaller

Ms. Melgren noted the inclusion in board packets of language from the joint contract and the bylaws related to terms of office.

ACTION: **Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Jason Choate, that the slate of officers for 2020 be approved.**

Committee Reports:

Financial:

Doug Colvin reported that the balance of funds in checking at Central Bank of the Ozarks for the Commission as of October 31, 2019, was $3,834.56. He noted that no funds have moved since the previous board meeting.

ACTION: **Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Joe Kelley, that the financial report be approved. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".**

Membership:

Ms. Melgren described membership dues for 2020. Provided the Tri-State Coalition board approves, those members of Tri-State Coalition who are also members of Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission will pay 20% less in dues to Tri-State Water in 2020. That same 20% amount will be assessed as dues for SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission members for 2020. In this way adequate funds will be raised to pay the cost of membership in Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

ACTION: **Jason Choate moved, seconded by Mike Ray, that membership dues for 2020 be the equivalent of 20% of Tri-State Water Coalition dues per member of the Commission. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".**

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Melgren reported that the KC District Corps of Engineers has asked SWMO Water to select between two possible alternatives for the Reallocation Study, and that this will likely impact the date for the tentatively selected study.

Ms. Melgren reported that Tri-State Water Coalition has completed an RFQ for legal services and selected Lathrop Gage/David Shorr and team. Because the work of the Coalition and the Commission will be similar, she recommended the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission alsovote to approve use of Lathrop Gage/David Shorr and team.

ACTION: **Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Jason Choate, that the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission approve the hiring of Lathrop Gage/David Shorr and team. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".**

Ms. Melgren noted that dues from SWMO Joint Municipal Water Commission for membership in Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities will start January 1, 2020.

Old Business:

New Business:

Presentations:
There were no presentations.

Adjournment:
The board will meet again February 19, 2020, prior to the Tri-State Water Coalition meeting that same day.

Mr. Rogers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Jason Choate, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Chuck Bryant, Secretary