SOUTHWEST MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 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:

Chuck Bryant - Carthage Water & Electric, Carthage, Missouri
David Hertzberg – City of Joplin, Missouri
Joe Kelley – City of Mt. Vernon, Missouri
Mike Ray – City of Branson, Missouri
Milton Dickensheet – City of Nixa, Missouri
Roddy Rogers – City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri
Skip Schaller – City of Monett, Missouri

The following directors were absent:

None were absent

Additional attendees:

Andrea Collier – Barr Engineering
Brad Gray – City of Willard
Casandra Ludwig – Carthage Water & Electric
Clinton Finn – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Connie Ford - Missouri Public Utility Alliance
Dennis Pyle – City of Monett
Doug Colvin – City of Nixa
Drew Cannon – Representative Vicky Hartzler's Office
Gail Melgren – SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission & Tri-
Devin Smith – KC District Corps of Engineers
Emma Schneider – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Ewell Lawson – Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities
Jack Schaller – Olsson Engineering
Jane Hood – S.W. Missouri Council of Governments
Jason Choate – Carthage Water & Electric
Jeremy Parsons – City of Ozark
Jim Triplett – Pittsburg, Kansas; Grand Lake
Laura Kelley – CDM Smith
Mathew Kirsch – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Matt Barnhart – Missouri American Water Co.
Mike Pessina – City Utilities of Springfield
Mike Weller – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Phil Walsack – Burns and McDonnell

Shiloh Beeman – Geo Engineers
Tyler Marriott – Senator Roy Blunt's Office
Wendy Vit – Geo Engineers
Jason Stutesman -

Staff

Gail Melgren – S.W. MO 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 May 15, 2019 meeting and none were received. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Chuck Bryant moved, seconded by David Hertzberg, that the minutes from May 15, 2019 be approved. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Chairman Report

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

Mr. Rogers noted that current membership is:

- Branson
- Carthage
- CU of Springfield
- Joplin
- Monett
- Mt. Vernon
- Nixa

Mr. Rogers noted that four new municipalities have joined Tri-State Water Coalition and may also join the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission:

- Stockton
- Ozark
- Republic
- Willard

Ms. Melgren reported that she sent each of the new members of Tri-State Water an email invitation to join the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission, including the joint contract, bylaws, and an ordinance/resolution to use with their governing bodies.

Committee Reports:

Financial:

Milton Dickensheet reported that the balance of funds in checking at Central Bank of the Ozarks for the Commission was $3,833.11. He noted that no funds have moved since the previous board meeting.

Chuck Bryant moved, seconded by Skip Schaller, that the financial report be approved. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Executive Director Report:
Ms. Melgren suggested that the board consider whether they would like to create advisory members, and if so, how advisory members might be defined.

Ms. Melgren reported that the KC District Corps of Engineers says the reallocation request for Stockton Lake is still on track for a tentatively selected plan in late September, 2019.

Ms. Melgren reported having reviewed the issue of changing the terms of directors from three years to indefinite appointment. She said that because the terms of three (3) years are defined by the Joint Contract, and to change the Joint Contract requires a unanimous vote of the governing bodies of all members, it would be very labor intensive to make the change. She suggested that instead she keep track of terms, allowing that Individuals will serve their member community until the member community changes the appointment. The board agreed.

Old Business:
Mr. Rogers noted that, as reported by Ms. Melgren at the previous board meeting, an inconsistency exists between the joint contract and the bylaws about the minimum number of directors required for the Commission to do business. The joint contract says, "...in no event shall the number of directors be fewer than two", and the bylaws say, "...in no event shall the number of Directors be fewer than three". Ms. Melgren suggested changing the bylaws to align with the joint contract, to maintain consistency between the two governing documents (since changing the Joint Contract is much more difficult). The board declined to take the vote but agreed to consider at a future meeting.

New Business:
Mr. Rogers noted that Ms. Melgren sent members an Open Records Policy via email prior to the meeting. He asked for comments or changes to the policy. Hearing none he called for a vote.

Milton Dickensheet moved, seconded by David Hertzberg, that the Open Records Policy be approved. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Presentations:
Ewell Lawson, of Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities (MAMU), and Connie Ford, of Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA), talked to the board about membership in MAMU.

Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Mike Ray, that the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission join MAMU. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Adjournment:
The board will meet again November 20th, prior to the Tri-State Water Coalition meeting that same day.

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

Chuck Bryant moved, seconded by David Hertzberg, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Chuck Bryant, Secretary