Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on February 11, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Land, Cederburg, and Evertson, were in attendance. Also attending were Water Superintendent Craig Aragon, City Administrator Annette Brower, Electric Supervisor Bill Hinton, Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, City Clerk Paula Tarango, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, and City Treasurer Jean Klassen. Members of the public were also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is on record at the city office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Land to excuse the absence of board member Tim Carlson. He notified Cederburg that he will not be attending the meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Land, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson and Shaw.

Board member Shaw was also absent from the meeting, he did not notify the clerk and/or board members of his absence today.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Land to approve the Consent agenda items as presented which include the Minutes from the Regular BPW meeting held on 01/14/2025, the special meeting on 02/04/2025, bills, Treasurer's report, and financial reports. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Evertson, Land, and Cederburg. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson and Shaw.

Cederburg opened a discussion on selling the power plant standalone (Cooper) cooling tower to the Village of Callaway, requested by Rod Brestel.

Per Electric Department Supervisor, William Hinton, The Village of Callaway has an elder generation plant as well and they are interested in purchasing our cooling tower as they'll be able to use it at their facility. Per City Administrator Annette Brower we also have the option of listing it on Surplus.com. Per Bill Hinton – The Village of Callaway would like to get the tower portion and the cooler as they have the legs, but we still must decide on what the price will be. Per Board Member Evertson – Would like to know what is salvageable before we approve this and say yes and possibly learn the different options as well. Per Hinton, we are not going to use these at our plant any longer. Per Brower - We reached out to Power-Tech to give us an idea of a fair price and we wanted to present it to the board to get the conversation started. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened a discussion on opening a CD account to begin reserving funds towards yearly loan payment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, per Brower – Jean Klassen (Our Treasurer) suggested that we put the funds aside into a CD to gain some interest on it. Per Cederburg it is not unusual to do that. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened a discussion on considering the bids for the purchase of landfill scales – Landfill Supervisor Schulte explained the current process and many steps it takes to count tonnage. We must get accurate numbers that are coming in. Per board member Cederburg, we started talking about scales over 10 years ago. NDEE is supportive of this. The scales will be installed on the South of the landfill building.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Land to recommend to Council the approval of the bid provided by B & B Valley Sale Services in the amount of $79,852.36 for the purchase of the landfill scale. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Land, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson and Shaw. Motion carried.

Board members received the NMPP MEAN Official Notice of Revised Rate Schedule and Changes effective April, 1, 2025.

Cederburg opened a discussion on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and main Interceptor project suggestion to Council on the interceptor portion of the project. Per Cederburg, the false information on Facebook must be removed, we do not have two separate loans, and this has been discussed extensively in past meetings. Per City Administrator Brower, the entire amount is/and covers both projects, The Wastewater Treatment Plant project, and interceptor projects.

Doug Louden with Olsson Engineering – Most of the questions are on the interceptor project. This is strictly for future growth in Kimball, there is a 6-inch line running through the heart of town that is undersized and needs updated/upsized. Per Cederburg, unless we have information that says we do not need to do the interceptor project is best to just proceed, if we wait another year it is going to be higher. It is an undersized pipe that needs to be addressed, and it is in the heart of the town per Evertson. The board prioritized what needed to get done first after we did the entire study.

Reports –

City Administrator – Annette Brower – We recently dealt with a hit and run accident. It took out a large, high pressure fire hydrant on Highway 30, it created an extreme water hammer effect. The damaged areas were East of Gotte Park to Washington Street, it cracked some of our main water line. We worked all the way through Saturday – Thank you to staff for responding so quickly, thank you city of Sidney for coming out to help. We had a very large issue in our hands, it has now been repaired but it is going to take a long time for the street portion to be repaired. We must work with NDOT for approval on a few things prior to work being done. We would also like to thank them for coming out to help us, they cut 12-inch concrete in several areas. Thank again to our staff, it was 9 degrees weather, wet, muddy, and they managed to get it done. They never fail to go above and beyond. This was not something that was created by the city. Water is an extreme pressure source, and it can do great damage. There has been some concern and discussion about the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We started this discussion a couple of years ago, between March of 2021 and in April of 2023 we had 22 meetings between the Council and Board of Public Works. We as a city entity put a lot of thought and planning into this. Thank you to the Motels in Kimball as they worked together to

help each other out while they were out of water for a couple of days. The owners of Days- inn opened a room just for residents from Kimball Motel to take showers and have fresh towels. Board member Cederburg, we appreciate the city staff for working together as a team.

Craig Araon - John from Zenner Metering came out in the last month, we went through and did a lot of training on meter cables, troubleshooting, and more. That has helped tremendously, we are currently waiting for the sidewalk nodes and once they are installed, we are expecting less issues with our system. We are going to go out tomorrow to troubleshoot more meters and we feel like we are finally headed in the right direction. We are also waiting for parts of the fire hydrant that was destroyed by the accident, it is an old fire hydrant, and it might be a bit longer to get them, but we are trying to get it re-installed as soon as possible.

Electric Department Supervisor – William Hinton - We finished trenching across 1st Street, and working on getting that project completed. Had the crew on the south substation doing a lot of cleaning, we have some mice problems, so we are trying to get that under control. At Stahla Park everything that we were supposed to do is done. We have one more piece to replace but that will take about 20 to 30 minutes.

Landfill Supervisor - Jim Schulte – working on day-to-day stuff since I've been back, we are working on the MSW re-permitting process, getting them the information they need. The transfer station permit has also been submitted, they want to possibly reword some of the paragraphs on the paperwork, so we are waiting for that.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor - Blake Wagner – Everything within limits for the testing in January. Late in January we got the North clarifier back online and in service. Thank you to the Streets department for bringing 5 trucks of water. Thanks to all the crew. Doing a yearly service on tractor, side by side and mower. Day to day, working with Zeb and training him. He is doing very good.

Public Comment – Gabriel Miller – Added a comment to this topic.

Spud Rowley – Keep Kimball Beautiful – In March we will be receiving our grants for funding – I will be updating everyone soon.

Next regular meeting will be March 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Land motioned and seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:42pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Land, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson and Shaw. Motion carried.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk