

CITY OF COON RAPIDS, IOWA
MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities met at 7:00 A.M., November 14, 2019 as per posted notice and rules of the Board at the Conference Room – “NOC” Network Operations Center, Coon Rapids, Iowa. Trustees present were Terry Garnes, Doris Bass, Lee Boeke, Harry Siegler and Mary Schwaller.

Motion by Garnes, Second by Bass with all voting “Aye” to approve the agenda.

Motion by Garnes, Second by Schwaller with all voting “Aye” to approve the consent items: 10/16/19 Board Minutes, Abstract of Claims #2019-11 in the amount of \$326,849.⁰², Financials, Quarterly Reports.

The Board entertained oral requests and communications from the audience.

General Manager’s Report: NIMECA Update, SPP, Basin, Etc. - Renewable Energy - Capacity Sharing - Additional Capacity - Audit Report - Highway Street Parcels - Non-Pay Notices/Statistics.

Motion by Garnes, Second by Bass with all voting “Aye” to accept the quote from MIS/Madison National for group life/AD&D, dependent life and long term disability insurance.

Motion by Garnes, Second by Boeke with all voting “Aye” approving the Wellmark Blue PPO Alliance Select insurance coverage, no change in HRA option, with the premium increase to be split 50/50 between CRMU and the employees. In addition, if allowed by Wellmark & Kabel, CRMU will offer employees the option of the Wellmark Blue POS insurance coverage, changing the HRA to only cover in-network expenses, with the premium decrease offsetting the employee’s monthly contribution towards the premium.

The General Manager updated the Board on CRMU’s forward natural gas position heading into the winter heating season. The General Manager also updated the Board about the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission as organized under Iowa Code Chapter 28E and their “Education Energy Group Program.” The General Manager described how the program worked and the need to modify CRMU’s natural gas rate minimum billing components section of the rate structure to effectively accommodate this program. It was the consensus of the Board that the General Manager modify the appropriate section of CRMU’s natural gas rate in resolution format for formal approval at the December meeting.

The General Manager updated the Board on recent meetings with Veenstra & Kimm (V&K) Engineering discussing CRMU’s sanitary sewer rehabilitation program. The General Manager reported that the first phase would be conducting manhole inspections along with televising CRMU’s collection system that is comprised of clay next spring, so that an engineering evaluation can be completed and a facility improvement plan developed. At the same time, staff will be working on acquiring outside funding sources (USDA, CDBG, SRF) for any financial assistance that can be provided. After development of the facility plan and project costs, the Board will be able to review the available financing options and how they will impact future rate increases. The General Manager stated that V&K will have an engineering agreement that covers the scope of services for this first phase for the Board’s review at the December meeting.

This notice is given at the direction of the Chairman pursuant to Chapter 28A, Code of Iowa and local rules of said governmental body.

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