

CITY OF COON RAPIDS, IOWA
MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 25, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities met at 7:00 A.M., June 25, 2020 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 and Doris Bass (via phone) and Lee Boeke. Absent: Mary Schwaller and Harry Siegler

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

Motion by Garnes, Second by Bass with all voting “Aye” to approve the consent items: 5/21/20 Board Minutes, Abstract of Claims #2020-6 in the amount of \$299,667.⁰³, Financials.

The Board entertained oral requests and communications from the audience.

General Manager’s Report: NIMECA Update, SPP, Basin, Etc. - Renewable Energy - Neal 4 - Iron Hills Substation Update - 2021 Substation Project - South Circuit Capital Improvements - Lyft Pledge - Evinrude - EV Impact Presentation - Electric Debt Refinancing - Updated Bids for T.Mobile and US Cellular - C-Band Transition - HBO Max - Non-Pay Notices/Statistics.

The General Manager reported that staff had met with representatives from Farm Service Cooperative (FSC) headquartered in Harlan, IA. about the potential sale of CRMU’s inactive propane peak plant facility. FSC is interested in developing a bulk tank site to service their customers in this area. The General Manager presented a formal offer to purchase the facility from FSC which was discussed by the Trustees. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the tentative offer and instructing the General Manager to finalize the terms of the offer and prepare a resolution for the Board’s next meeting to begin the formal process of selling the property.

The Board discussed the purchase of a new truck and utility box. The item was tabled until the July meeting.

The General Manager gave a sanitary sewer update to the Board discussing: Spring discharge / NPDES permit testing, lagoon sludge testing by Nutri-Ject, and progress on the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project including the newly developed Facility Plan, Intended Use Plan application to SRF, and upcoming CDBG grant application.

The General Manager discussed how CRMU’s internet service offerings are differentiated by bandwidth and segmented between upstream and downstream to account for limited upstream capacity in CRMU’s old HFC network. With the new FTTH network, CRMU has significantly increased both upstream and downstream capacities such that this type of segmentation is no longer necessary to provide adequate service to all customers. The General Manager reported that CRMU has also seen an increased need for more upstream capacity during the Covid-19 pandemic as more customers are utilizing video conferencing and livestreams which require more upstream capacity; therefore, staff recommended that the Board make all FTTH based internet service offerings symmetrical in speed DS/US at the same price. The Board concurred and instructed the General Manager to prepare a resolution for the next Board meeting to formally approve these new service offerings and rates.

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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