

MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Municipal Utility Board Meeting held on March 16, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

Board Members present: Chairman Chris R. Mechling, Ken Sabers, and Dan Mayer by way of telephone. Also present Gary Patterson, Dixie Olson, Jim Allison, David Boone, City Manager, Rich Bush, Community Development Director, Eric Tibbetts, Water Superintendent, Ted Schultz, CETC Engineering, Greg Barnier, City Attorney, Bernadette Usera, City Council member.

Absent: None

Dan Mayer made a motion and Ken Sabers seconded to approve the agenda. Approved.

Dan Mayer made a motion and Ken Sabers seconded to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2011 meeting. Approved.

Bills in the amount of \$89,063.22 were presented. Dan Mayer made a motion and Ken Sabers seconded to approve the bills. Approved.

2011	MARCH	
PAID TO:	AMOUNT	FOR
SALARIES	\$ 26,615.41	SALARIES
FICA	\$ 1,956.64	FICA
RETIREMENT	\$ 1,596.90	RETIREMENT
HEALTH	\$ 3,161.52	GROUP INSURANCE
DENTAL	\$ 626.59	DENTAL INSURANCE
LIFE	\$ 51.46	INSURANCE
BH POWER & LIGHT	\$ 15,299.69	UTILITIES
BUTTE ELECTRIC	\$ 367.20	UTILITIES
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 139.59	UTILITIES
A & B BUSINESS	\$ 305.51	PROFESSIONAL
ANDERSON, GARY	\$ 50.00	GROUP INSURANCE

BECK MOTORS	\$ 29,722.00	MACHINERY& EQUIPME
CAMPBELL'S SUPPLY	\$ 30.77	SUPPLIES
CBH COOPERATIVE	\$ 745.57	SUPPLIES
CETEC ENGINEERING	\$ 2,342.50	PROFESSIONAL
CHRIS SUPPLY COMPANY	\$ 1,008.85	SUPPLIES
CITY OF STURGIS WATER DPT	\$ 152.00	UTILITIES
CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU	\$ 31.02	PROFESSIONAL
DENR	\$ 12.00	PROFESSIONAL
DOUBLE STAR COMPUTING	\$ 163.61	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE
FLEXBLE BENEFITS DEPT	\$ 52.76	OTHER
HACH COMPANY	\$ 110.67	SUPPLIES
HAWKINS, INC	\$ 75.00	SUPPLIES
KETEL THORSTENSON	\$ 977.50	PROFESSIONAL
KNOLOGY	\$ 423.13	UTILITIES
MEADE CO. TIMES	\$ 80.88	PUBLISHING
MIDCONTINENT LABORATORIES	\$ 270.00	PROFESSIONAL
MONICA MAAG	\$ 34.71	REFUND/OVERPAYMENT
MORRELL, CANDY	\$ 725.10	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE
NORTHERN HILLS ELECTRIC	\$ 45.23	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE
OWENS INTERSTATE	\$ 73.13	SUPPLIES
PAMIDA	\$ 52.93	SUPPLIES
RIVER LODGE	\$ 244.00	TRAVEL
PRINT MARKET	\$ 63.24	PUBLISHING
SERVALL UNIFORM	\$ 11.18	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE
SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER	\$ 260.00	TRAVEL
SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	\$ 36.63	PROFESSIONAL
STURGIS AUTO PARTS	\$ 87.38	SUPPLIES
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 525.92	UTILITIES
WESTERN SD HYDROLOGY CN	\$ 65.00	TRAVEL
WESTERN DOOR COMPANY	\$ 220.00	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	\$ 250.00	OTHER
	\$ 89,063.22	

The next item on the agenda was the Sam Patterson/Gary Patterson water adjustment. The MUB discussed the responsibility for the water leak of Sam Patterson's at 1222 Fulton Street. Gary Patterson, Sam's Dad, was present in Sam's behalf, asked the MUB if there was any water adjustment available since Sam normally uses only 1,000 gallons each month and is now using approximately 44,000 gallons. Gary Patterson was also wondering if the owner of the property, Sam Patterson, had to pay for the new service line from the main to the Curb Stop. Discussion by the Board members revolved about the changes to MUB policies which will be published in the Meade County Times upon approval of the February minutes at this meeting. The MUB felt the new service line was not new construction, but repair and maintenance. Dan Mayer made a motion and Ken Sabers seconded that the MUB will assume the responsibility of the service line from the main to the Curb Stop. Sam Patterson will pay for

the service line from his structure to the curb stop. The MUB waived the reconnect fee for the tap on the main line.

Chairman Mechling asked the Board's approval in granting a 10% water adjustment to accounts having a water leak to be decided by the Water Superintendent. Any adjustments above the 10% will come before MUB. Dan Mayer made a motion and Ken Sabers seconded to allow Eric Tibbetts, Water Superintendent, the authority to give the 10% adjustments.
Approved.

Sam Patterson will be given a 10% credit on his \$211.60 water only bill of \$21.16.

The MUB approved applying for a 50% Grant for a generator for the Water Dept.

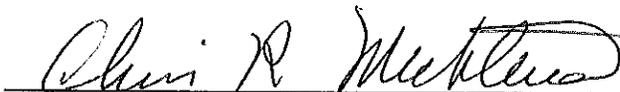
The next item on the agenda was the Hospital Water Main Project. The MUB discussed whether to wait until fall to advertise for bids for the project when we had been approved for the SRF Loan or to proceed with the Spring bid. Our delaying our project also delays the hospital project of the parking lot. This project had been approved for the spring bidding at an earlier board meeting. The Board decided to proceed with a spring bid letting.

Greg Barnier, City Attorney, discussed with the Board members a possible solution to the multiple/single curb stop problem which was in the hand out to each of the members. Greg Barnier will come to the next Board meeting with a recommendation.

The next item on the agenda is for discussion only is the base rate waiver on vacant apartments which are either being remodeled or are vacant. Greg Barnier will also come with a recommendation on this item to the next MUB meeting.

Ken Sabers discussed with the Board Members the upcoming SEDC meeting. The MUB is allowed a vote for the slate of candidates for the Board positions. The MUB felt it was not in the best interest to cast a vote.

Ken Sabers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Mayer seconded the motion.
Approved.



Chris R. Mechling
President

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