

A meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 12:15 p.m. on October 14, 2009 at 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Present: Don Vetrovsky, Linda Clabaugh, Bob Moran and Ron Sutter.

Absent: Ron Fleecs.

Others: Neal Niedfeldt, Janet Byars, Rex Behrends, Ron Baete, Pat Feist, Jack Robbins, Tobias Tempelmeyer, Doug Kennedy, Gloria Masoner and Erin Saathoff.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Beatrice Daily Sun on October 1, 2009 and posted on the public bulletin board in the Board of Public Works Administration Office. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Public Works and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda was received and placed on file. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the Board of Public Works of this meeting. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Don Vetrovsky announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall by the Conference Room door.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Moran to receive, approve and place on file the minutes of the September 29, 2009 meeting.

**2009 Energy Efficiency Report**

Neal Niedfeldt discussed the NPPD EnergyWise program we are participating in. BPW customers had received rebates for \$16,746 for commercial lighting, \$3,960 for the tune-up program, \$5,850 for rebates on heat pumps, and \$3,000 for the energy efficient CFC bulbs that have been handed out to customers. Beatrice has used approximately \$38,394.00 of the \$40,000.00 that is allocated for them. This program will continue into 2010 with the same programs.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Clabaugh to receive and place report on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Moran, Sutter  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

**2009 Load Management Report**

Neal Niedfeldt reviewed the Load Management report for 2009. A total of \$64,497.00 was given to the customers this year. The average credit given to the customers with a controller on their air conditioner unit was \$13.57. Customers with a controller on their water heater averaged an \$18.77 credit.

Moved by Sutter, seconded by Clabaugh, to receive and place report on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Moran, Sutter  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

**Reports of Fall Activities**

Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, reported that they are currently replacing the transmission lines. They may begin on the underground work, weather permitting. Work will begin on clearing trees from the power lines in early January.

Neal Niedfeldt reported for Steve Kelley, Water Superintendent, that all of the water main replacement projects have been completed for the last fiscal year. They have started the annual fire hydrant flushing and fire flow testing to insure they are in working order. There are concerns in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> & Garfield Streets, as the water main is less than 45 years old and there have been several water main breaks.

Jack Robbins, WPC Superintendent, said that they are currently

winterizing the clarifiers at the plant and insulating at the compost building. The installation of the new channel monster is scheduled for the beginning of 2010.

Ron Baete, Street Superintendent, reported that they have been getting the trucks ready for this winter. Due to federal mandate in 2008, work has continued on the replacement of the City's street signs with new, more reflective signs. They have until 2014 to replace regulatory signs and until 2016 to replace the street markers.

Rex Behrends, City Engineer, said work on smoothing out the manholes has been completed. The replacement of the Mosaic Trunk Sewer Line may start around November 1, 2009, and the new awning for the Paddock Kensington should be in place by Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Neal Niedfeldt, BPW General Manager, reported that they have been working on a new employee handbook and improvements on the safety program. This week they have been taking bids on insurance. Work is still being done on the grant for the Gage County Historical Museum. The auditors will be coming the week of November 9, 2009, and plans for an Employee Recognition dinner have begun.

**Vouchers**

Vouchers for the Electric, Water, WPC, and Street departments were presented.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Moran, to approve the vouchers and place them on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Moran, Sutter  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

**Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Moran, seconded by Clabaugh, to adjourn meeting.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Moran, Sutter  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary