



**Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 9 am
Monett City Park Casino, 101 S Lincoln Ave., Monett, MO 65708
MINUTES**

Call to Order:

President Roddy Rogers called the meeting to order. The following Directors and/or Alternates were present:

David Hertzberg – City of Joplin, Missouri
Jason Choate - Carthage Water & Electric, Carthage, Missouri
Joe Kelley – City of Mt. Vernon, Missouri
Kendall Powell – City of Branson, Missouri
Roddy Rogers – City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri
Skip Schaller – City of Monett, Missouri
Travis Cossey – City of Nixa, Missouri

The following directors were absent:

None were absent.

Additional attendees:

Aaron Goddard –
Chad Johnson – CDM Smith
David Shorr – Lathrop Gage
Ewell Lawson – Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities
Jack Schaller – Olsson & Assoc.
Jennifer Henggeler – KC District Corps of Engineers
John Twitty – Missouri Public Utility Alliance
Jordan Wilson – U.S. Geological Service
Kevin Barnes – Greene County
Mathew Kirsch – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Matt Barnhart – Missouri American Water Co.
Michael Weller – Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Mike Pessina – City Utilities of Springfield
Phil Walsack – Burns & McDonnell
Tyler Merriott – Senator Roy Blunt

Staff

Gail Melgren – Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

President Roddy Rogers noted that due to Covid-19, and lack of essential business to conduct, the Commission had not met since November of 2019. He said that board members had received copies of those minutes for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Rogers asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from November 20, 2019, and none were heard.

ACTION: Jason Choate moved, seconded by Skip Schaller, that the minutes from November 20, 2019, be approved as written. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

Chairman Report

Mr. Rogers welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions.

Mr. Rogers reminded the board that four municipalities have been invited to join the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission: Stockton, Ozark, Republic, and Willard. Ms. Melgren said that each of these municipalities had received an email invitation to join the SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission, including copies of the joint contract, bylaws, and example ordinance/resolutions to use with their governing bodies.

Mr. Rogers noted current officers:

- President – Roddy Rogers
- Vice President – David Hertzberg
- Treasurer – Doug Colvin
- Secretary – Chuck Bryant
- Ad hoc – Skip Schaller

Ms. Melgren said that current officers had previously been carried over by the board from 2019, except for Doug Colvin who replaced Milton Dickensheet as treasurer when Milton retired. Ms. Melgren noted that the bylaws limit the length of service of officers. The board agreed to discuss nominations in the near future.

Mr. Rogers welcomed David Shorr as legal counsel for SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission and Tri-State Water Coalition.

Committee Reports:

Financial:

Treasurer Doug Colvin was absent, so Ms. Melgren reported that the balance of funds in checking at Central Bank of the Ozarks for the Commission as of May 17, 2021, was \$15,019.58.

ACTION: Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Joe Kelley, that the financial report be approved. The motion carried, with all voting “aye”.

Membership:

Ms. Melgren reported that membership remains stable. She reported 2021 membership revenue as \$22,072.28. She described the structure for membership dues. Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission (SWMO JMUC) members pay 20% less of their Tri-State Water Coalition dues to Tri-State Water and that 20% amount is assessed as dues for their SWMO JMUC membership. This increase was implemented in 2020 to increase operating revenue on the SWMO JMUC side to accommodate membership by SWMO JMUC in Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Melgren reported that a strategic planning retreat will be held on July 14, 2021, for members of the boards of SWMO JMUC and Tri-State Water Coalition.

Legal Report:

Mr. Shorr said the Programmatic Agreement, which is part of the Stockton Lake reallocation study, has been completed. He noted that drafts are written for the purchase contract with USACE and the purchase contract between members. Ms. Melgren said meetings will commence to discuss and refine draft contracts once all members have indicated whether they will seek a portion of the potential water storage reallocation at Stockton Lake. Mr. Shorr said his team is currently researching a possible mechanism through which Tri-State Water Coalition could work with SWMO Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission using current funds.

Old Business:

New Business:

Presentations:

John Twitty, CEO of Missouri Public Utility Alliance, and Ewell Lawson, COO of Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities, updated the board on their activities and future goals. Membership renewal was discussed.

ACTION: Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Jason Choate, that membership in Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities be renewed for 2021. Kendall Powell, Jason Choate, Skip Schaller, and Travis Cossey voted in favor. Mr. Rogers stated that a majority had voted for the membership and so the motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Rogers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kendall Powell moved, seconded by Joe Kelley, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Jason Choate, Secretary Alternate