



**Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 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 – Anderson Engineering
Andrea Collier – Barr Engineering
Chris Weiner – City of Monett, Missouri
David Shorr – Lathrop Gage
Drew Landoll – Empire/Liberty Utilities
Eric Dove – HDR Engineering
Jack Schaller – Olsson & Assoc.
Jason Stutsman – City of Nixa, Missouri
Jennifer Henggeler – KC District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jordan Wilson – U.S. Geological Service
Josh Youngblood – Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities
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
Noah Colby George – KC District Corps of Engineers
Phil Walsack – Burns & McDonnell
Steve Stodden – City Utilities of Springfield
Tyler Merriott – U.S. Senator Roy Blunt

Staff

Gail Melgren – Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Rogers asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from May 19, 2021, and none were heard.

ACTION: Skip Schaller moved, seconded by Joe Kelley, that the minutes from May 19, 2021, be approved as written. The motion carried, with all voting "aye".

Chairman Report

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

Mr. Rogers reported that after a decade of successful leadership, Ms. Melgren has submitted her resignation as executive director of SWMO Water. Ms. Melgren agreed to continue her role as executive director through the end of 2021. She said she is looking forward to more travel and time with loved ones. She agreed to organize and serve as contact point for the candidate search. She said the process could lead to a candidate for approval at the November 17 board meeting if all runs smoothly.

Committee Reports:

Financial:

Treasurer Doug Colvin reported the balance of funds in checking at Central Bank of the Ozarks for the Commission as of August 13, 2021, was -\$ 258.62. He noted the balance was temporarily overdrawn pending the last membership dues deposit for 2021. He said expenses for 2021 included membership dues in National Water Supply Alliance and Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities, along with legal fees for Lathrop Gage. He noted that very few expenses had been incurred to date by the Commission, however, he expects that in 2022 the budget will expand.

Ms. Melgren noted that legal expenses for 2021 will be reimbursed through the current contract with the Department of Natural Resources Multipurpose Fund, adding to the balance before the November board meeting.

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

Membership:

Ms. Melgren reported that membership remains stable. She said the formula for calculating membership dues, as well as the proportion of dues between Tri-State Water and the Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission, will be discussed at the November board meeting and will likely change to increase funding and activities on the Commission side and decrease funding and activities on the Tri-State side.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Melgren reported that a strategic planning retreat was held on July 14, 2021, for members of the boards of SWMO JMWUC and Tri-State Water Coalition. She noted that a revised strategic plan was included in board packets.

Ms. Melgren reported current board members as listed below. She noted that in 2020 the board had agreed to extend the designated officers into 2021, which was past the terms listed in the bylaws. She reminded the board that the bylaws call for a new slate for 2022. The board agreed to vote on a new slate at the November board meeting. Mr. Schaller suggested that board officers rotate in a pre-defined order and the board agreed with that approach.

2021 Board Officers/Ex Comm

President – Roddy Rogers

Vice President – David Hertzberg

Treasurer – Doug Colvin

Secretary – Chuck Bryant

Ad hoc – Skip Schaller

Ms. Melgren said an organizational chart for SWMO JMWUC and Tri-State Water was included in board packets.

Ms. Melgren noted that a meeting schedule for 2021 and 2022 was included in board packets.

Ms. Melgren referred to two Venn diagrams included in board packets which illustrated the proportion of current funding and activities between Tri-State Water and SWMO JMUC as well as the proposed future funding and activities for both organizations.

Legal Report:

Mr. Shorr attended but had no report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Rogers stated that a hiring process had been defined in the new strategic plan and would be followed to hire new leadership for SWMO JMWUC. The board agreed to include all members on the hiring committee. Ms. Melgren stated that if anyone currently serving on the board was interested in the new leadership position, they should send an alternate representative for their organization to any and all meetings at which hiring will be discussed.

Presentations:

There were no presentations.

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