

Choctaw Utilities, Inc.
Water Board Meeting
January 8, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Sparks at 7:00pm. Members present were Ernie Sparks, Steve Blake, Jerry Alcott and Bill Laney. Also present was Jimmy Moran. Property owners present were Mr. Langley and Mr. George Anderson.

Jimmy addressed a property owner complaint. Mr. Langley owns 2 ½ lots and is currently being billed for 2 lots with service and a split lot. Both of Mr. Langley's lots were tapped according to the utility records. Jimmy has been unable to locate the second tap. His recommendations were to either put in a new water tap or to now charge it as a lot with no service. It was agreed that the lot would now be charged as a lot with no service and if the lot is ever sold that the new owner will then have to pay for a tap. The office will now change its records accordingly and bill the appropriate charge.

Minutes were read and approved. Motion to accept made by Ernie Sparks and seconded by Steve Blake. All approved.

Financials were discussed. Jimmy reported that the maintenance and repair on the water mains are above the budgeted amount because of a rash of water leaks. These are repairs mostly to the service lines. This is possibly because of copper corrosion and also the age of the lines

Old Business: Jimmy stated regarding the copper corrosion issue, that all equipment has been installed and is ready. The material should arrive in about 5 days. The phosphate solution will be fed into the lines. The scales and plumbing are all complete. His possible date to start is January 15, 2001. Samples will be required every 90 days and they need to be taken at the same houses that the original samples were done at. We will need 20 samples to be taken.

Jimmy reported that the new tower has now been paid in full. It is now due for a one year exam and maintenance inspection. He has also received a bid on a maintenance contract from Pittsburgh Tank for the new tower. It would be \$7,500.00 per year (this could be negotiable). Jimmy passed the contract around to be reviewed. Jimmy stated that every 10 years the tank is painted and repaired. In 10 years he estimates that the cost would be around \$75,000.00. It was agreed that they would continue to put aside the \$7,500.00 per year (as in prior years) and not go with a maintenance contract.

Jimmy reported that the small water tower is due for maintenance now. He needs to take the tower out of service and then the outside and inside needs to have maintenance done. He has received 1 quote for \$29,000.00 and will get additional quotes. Question regarding the benefit of having the tower was asked and Jimmy stated that it does give us extra gallons and it is a backup if needed.

Jimmy reported that #1 well is up for service. This is done every 8 years. He has received a bid for \$5,297.00 for the work that will be required. He has also tested the generator and it is good.

New Business: Jimmy brought up the subject of the landfill issue. He stated that this would probably not affect us. We are in a rock aquifer. He was asked if we could get a grant

to do a water study. He stated that we probably could but the Department of Natural Resources should already have a study on this and it could be checked into if needed.

Ernie and Carla brought up the subject of putting money into a 1 year CD. The Utility Company would have to invest \$100,000.00 and it would hold the current interest rate. Carla stated that this would have to be done by 1:00pm on Tuesday. The Association would like to piggyback \$50,000.00 onto this. Jimmy said that he would have to go over the financials before he could give an answer on this.

Mr. George Anderson has requested that the charges for his water service be looked into. He is being charged for 2 lots with service and an adjacent lot. His quarterly bill is \$116.00. He is requesting that the Utility Board remove or change his charge of \$50.00 (for tap) to a lot with no service which is a \$24.00 charge. Bill Laney asked if Mr. Anderson uses that tap. Mr. Anderson stated that it has been used on occasion. It was suggested that the water service be discontinued and if this lot is ever sold the Utility Co. could then charge for a reconnection fee. Bill Laney recommended that there be further discussion on this matter and it should also be directed to the Attorney.

Bill brought a request from the Association that the Utility Co. publish their meeting minutes and financials. The minutes and financials could be published for the May and October issue of the Peace Pipe for the Property Owners Meeting. Jimmy stated that maybe the rules and regulations should be looked into before this is done.

Ernie Sparks's term on the Utility Board is up. He agreed to serve another 5-year term. All approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ernie Sparks and seconded by Jerry Alcott. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.