

Choctaw Utilities, Inc.  
Water Board Meeting  
April 2, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Sparks at 7:05 pm. Members present were Ernie Sparks, Matt Dillon, Jerry Alcott, Steve Blake and Bill Laney. Also present was Jimmy Moran.

Election was held for the officers. A nomination for Ernie Sparks as president was made by Steve Blake and Matt Dillon seconded. Matt Dillon nominated Steve Blake for president and this was seconded by Bill Laney. A vote was taken and Steve Blake was elected president. Bill Laney nominated Jerry Alcott for Secretary/Treasurer and Ernie Sparks seconded. All approved.

Jimmy reported that the checking account has been moved to Citizens Bank. The signature card for the bank was signed.

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

Financials were discussed. Jimmy asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed 2001 budget. Steve Blake questioned the increase on electric. Account number #4360 (New Maintenance Structure) – this is for a possible maintenance building to be used for storage. A motion to accept the 2001 Budget was made by Ernie Sparks and seconded by Steve Blake. A roll call vote was taken. All approved.

Old Business: Jimmy reported that the copper corrosion system has been running since January 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated that it needs to run for 90 days and then checked. Jimmy reported that the replacement on the #1 well and pump has been replaced. Jimmy stated that Mr. Langley has called and would like a rebate now on payments for his water billing which he claims was overpayments. It was agreed that they would not refund any monies.

There was discussion on Mr. Anderson's current water billing of \$116.00 per quarter. A change to the Choctaw Utility rules was made. The change would read: If you have an adjacent lot with service the current owner would have the option to terminate service on the adjacent lot and return it to a lot with no service. In the future a new tap fee would be charged at the current rate. The hydrant must be removed at the owners expense to receive lot with no service status. This should be posted for one month (Effective 5/15/01).

Jimmy gave the statistics for the year. The high usage month was July and the low month was November. The average of 212,609 gallons per day was the usage. Based on 2200 people the usage was 97 gallons per day per person. The draw down on the wells is normal. Complaints this year on red water was down. Delinquencies are 2% of the income. Jimmy stated that the service line repairs have increased. There was no sprinkling ban in 2000. Jimmy stated that for 16 years he has operated within the budget.

New Business: Jimmy stated that he has received contracts on the water tower for painting. Pittsburgh Tank was the cheapest at \$29,450 for both inside and out. Leary Construction Company was \$29,995 (inside) and \$13,900 (outside) for a total

of \$43,895.00.

Jimmy reported that the Well head protection plan is not required by the EPA but they do recommend it.

Jimmy stated that the contract with the Association board is up in July 2001. The old contract has a 4% increase per year. Jimmy asked that this be kept in mind for the next board meeting.

Jimmy requested a cell phone and Jerry stated that he needs to put this in his next contract proposal.

A proposal was made to the CLPOA Board regarding wireless internet to be put on the water tower. Jimmy hasn't heard anything back on this yet. If this is done they would need to isolate anything attached to the tower.

Jimmy stated that he would like a building 40' x 60' with a shed roof and office space.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ernie Sparks and seconded by Jerry Alcott. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.