

Choctaw Utilities Board of Trustees Meeting – July 1, 2013

Substantive Motions Approved in this Meeting –

There were no substantive motions approved in this meeting.

Call to Order:

The Board of Trustees meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the CLPOA conference room.

Present: John Foote, Rick Hartnett, Ernie Sparks and Bob McKinley.

Excused: Tim Good.

Jim Moran and Craig Smith were also present.

Property Owner's Time:

There were no property owners present.

Minutes:

Bob McKinley made a motion to accept the April minutes. John Foote seconded. The Board approved the minutes.

Financials:

The Board reviewed hardship cases that are past due. Jim Moran reported that he has visited all but three and those visited have either made partial payments or paid all.

Jim Moran suggested that we start funding the unfunded improvements due to the aging water system as it nears 50 years. John Foote suggested a long-range plan to fund these upcoming maintenance expenses. The Board discussed items that will need attention. They also discussed upgrading the size of water lines as they need replaced. The larger lines will better support fire hydrants in the future. Jim was asked to bring some numbers to the next meeting for future funding.

Old Business:

Bob McKinley reported that the Fill Station committee is being renamed as the Flush Hydrants committee. He reported on recent water pressure and flow testing at three locations around the lake: George's Fork, the water tower & East Choctaw. The committee is investigating improvements & costs to provide good pressure and flow to a flush hydrant at George's Fork and to the Lodge for a sprinkler system.

Jim Moran reported that the water system capacity is being limited by the (4) sand filters, they are the hold-back from going to 550,000 gallons (currently 410,000 gallons). The engineering firm is able to perform a test on the high-pressure sand filters to validate that they could be used for a higher flow rate. He has not yet received a quote for the study.

Jim reviewed the engineer's report concerning recommendations for a new clear well. Jim would like to construct the new tank in place rather than have a manufactured one brought in. He would also like to take advantage of the elevation to allow full use of the pumps. He would like to construct a new tank in 3-4 years. This is a funded project.

Manager's Report:

Jim Moran reported on the recent sanitary survey by the EPA, this is performed every 3 years. There were a few minor items that have been taken care of. These included protecting well #3 with large stones, replacing the backflow device on the chlorinator, replacing or cleaning overflow screens, installing a rip-rap splash area and updating the emergency plan. Jim reviewed some of the recommendations. He also read his response letter.

Tank inspections and cleanings are being lined up.

The consumer confidence report has been published in *The Peace Pipe*.

The generator has been serviced for 2013.

Rick Hartnett asked about the condition of the house at the water towers. John Foote said there have been some eyesore complaints. These will be handled by CLPOA procedures.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 8:06 pm. The next meeting is set for Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:00 pm.