

Meeting Minutes  
Choctaw Utilities, Inc.  
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting  
Monday, May 6, 2019

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Roll Call in Attendance: Dave Lohrer, Bob O'Connor, Scott Kutzley, Dick Hanna, Doug Orange, Andrew Beckman      Excused: Kent Feliks  
Jim Moran – Plant Manager, Marti Schmidt – Office Manager

9 Homeowners in attendance

Minutes from February 4, 2019

Motion to accept minutes as submitted with Scadata correction approved – passed 6-0

Welcome to Dick Hanna, the newest member of the BoT Board. Thank you to Greg O'Brein for his three-year service.

### **Old Business**

**Computer Security - Doug:** Issue was brought up about the mailing list a few months ago and our computer security. Met with HNB and third party who handles our website and went over issues with them. There is no problem with the data security. No breaches and no major issues.

**Mailing List:** Only two people have touched the mailing list for our mailing last August 2018 – Marti and Doug. Marti sent list to Doug and forwarded to the printer.

### **Electronic Motions: none**

### **New Plant/EPA - Dave/Scott:**

No work currently being done because of weather conditions. Reviewing needs for sewer system – water is potable coming out of the treatment plant and floor drains go into lagoon as they currently do. OEPA is reviewing, and trying to come up with a better solution than the County is suggesting. New electric pole will be put in near detention tank. Deciding on amp service needed. Ohio Edison will put in new transformer and pole at no charge. They will come back and removed the old stuff later. Generator was discussed with Jess Howard. Guestimate of cost to replace from IBI was \$150,000 – Howard thinks more like \$50,000. The current generator is only 15 years old and will be repaired for about \$15,000. Currently reviewing submittals, and Tonka is buying materials. Even though we lost a couple of weeks of schedule for rain, there are 3-months of float at the backend, so we have enough slack in the schedule. Good thing is that the loan repayment does not start until

fully operational. 400 versus 600 amp service; if we decide to add reverse osmosis, might need the additional amperage. Discussion about increasing the amperage, and having to add transformer cabinet, pad and other items. Dan with MS Consultants is talking to the EPA concerning floor drainage and solutions. Ready to do slab once drains are resolved.

To close the loop on the 400 versus 600 amp service; Scott will get back with Jess Howard and Capital City and review with Bob Dana.

### **Plant Manager - Jim**

Statistics distributed to BoT for last year.

Tier structure changed going forward for water samples for lead and copper that start in June. 10 samples need to be taken from our 20 on our sampling plan and are being reevaluated, research the age of the home and send in the revised sampling plan. Jim working with Katie at OEPA. If you can't get enough Tier 1 sites from the 20 sites already approved, then other sites need to be submitted.

Consumer Confidence Report ready to review and submit to the CLPOA office to get published in the June peace pipe to meet the distribution requirements.

Testing in 2019 – lead and copper, routine daily's and chemical residuals, etc. PO4 some at plant and some in distribution, disinfectant by-products, nitrates and nitrites

New Plant – keeping a daily log of general activity and monitoring progress

No to low spending on the old plant maintenance while the construction for new plant occurs.

Main flushing completed April; new 3 hydrants were brought on line and flushed. JJ Schlaegal final retainage is being held due to questionable restoration of property. Dirt and fill around the hydrants could have been brought up more. Jim spoke with them when they came in a pick-up truck, shoveled, seeded and strawed. Jim will call and tell them to do it right before retainage will be released.

One hydrant on the east side on a right-of-way needs repaired (small ditch in front). Back side is on a pretty good slope. Customer complains she can't mow the backside. Jim indicated that we can fill the hole but cannot change the slope. She claims she cannot mow on the backside anymore. Jim will work with Mike/CLPOA Manager and meet with the customer again.

New fire hydrants – fire department will flow test and rate the new three hydrants in the near future. The chief is still working on the ISO rating, but no word yet on where that will land (insurance rating to use hydrants for fire suppression).

Changing fire district in 2020 will not affect anything going forward. Current contract with London is manned 24/7 for fire and might/could reduce home owners insurance rates.

Distribution of opinion of options for future maintenance and repairs distributed to the BoT to review.

Question regarding copper levels – Jim indicated that we do not have an issue with too much copper in the water. We are meeting our requirement for copper, but the wastewater plant is having issues being above their limits (never been cited). There is a sewer board meeting tomorrow night, Dick and Ken Petry will ask about it. Theory is that the new plant will further reduce the amounts of copper going into the sewer. County is reviewing whether to land apply or continue to haul the waste from the treatment center.

### **Treasurer Report as of April 30- Doug**

\$707,688 in all accounts

\$29,000 in receivables – 6 accounts in jeopardy of shut-off

\$33,083 paid for loan appropriation new water plant

\$13,271 paid for legal for last 6-months new water plant

All engineering paid in full; waiting on an additional \$20k from MS Consultants. Still have the ability to roll engineering costs into the loan

Budget started; meeting tomorrow with Jim, Doug, Dave, and Marti to finalize. Budget will go out for approval by the end of the month to be voted on electronically.

### **New Business – Doug**

Two water workshops available – if anyone is interested and wants to attend, please get with Doug. OEPA and Ohio Rural Water.

It was suggested that there be some posted/regular office hours at the plant. It will be discussed at a scheduled meeting tomorrow. Jim is at the plant 3x a day.

### **Audience Discussion/Questions**

Dave Wheatley stated he was disappointed that it won't be acknowledged that there is an issue with the mailing list. Dave Lohrer acknowledged his comment.

Security cameras were suggested during the construction process and going forward. Bill Price would be a good resource to find out about costs and commercial surveillance cameras, expandable for long-term solutions and understand signage requirements.

**Meeting adjourned 7:52pm**