

September 13 2023 meeting Minutes

Choctaw Utilities Inc.

Call to order at 6:02PM.

Roll call: all members present.

No Members present at meeting.

Motion to approve July minutes. Motion by David Rankin. Second Bob O'Connor. Motion passed 7-0.

Operator/Manager report:

- 1.) Cash flows. Currently ahead ~\$6,000 in execution. On track.
- 2.) Plant operations: issue with check valves closing hard. Identified as check valve installed in vertical position, but setup for horizontal operation. Will correct during November maintenance day.
- 3.) GIS update: continuing to map shutoffs. Progress on inventorying status of distribution equipment.

Treasurer's Report: extensive discussion on rate structure. Inflation since last rate increase in 2018 has been 21%. Concern that existing rate structure for future capital requirements may not be sufficient. Five Year plan was discussed extensively. No critical need to take action at this time, but will be necessary at some point in future. Dave Lohrer, Bill Platter, Bill Price, and Mike Casimir agreed to informally meet to examine rate structure.

Engineering Study update:

Dave Lohrer presented PPT with details of engineers findings and recommendations from distribution study. Good news: no fundamental flaws in system that require modification. Engineers gave recommendations to set different on/off points for towers – this will turnover tower inventory 25% instead to 10-12% currently. Engineers gave detailed plan to unidirectionally flush entire system. This will allow plant to produce at 350gpm without issues, instead of current 250gpm. Idea is to operate off of tower as primary pressure source longer, thus improving water age. Engineers also said removing small tower is a future option. Mike will implement new operational procedures in October. No action required from Board.

Fire hydrants already approved by Board. Engineers report gave specific locations to install three additional hydrants to aid in aggressive flushing.

New business: none. Expect follow up from November Kurita maintenance visit.

Motion to adjourn at 7:12PM. Passed 7-0.