

Burns Utility Board
February 2, 2015

The Burns Utility Board met in regular session on February 2, 2015. Members present were Board President Ralph Bartels, Board Members Harry Pauli, Steve Newton, and Harvey Humphrey. Board Member Matt Fields was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Ted Kellner and Darius Mandel, and Town Engineer Scott Cowley.

At 6 pm Board President Ralph Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Board President Bartels announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar swore in reappointed Board Member Harry Pauli.

Approval of Minutes:

Board Member Pauli moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Utility Board Meeting. Board Member Newton seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Board Member Humphrey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Board Member Pauli seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Requests:

Scott Cowley with AVI was present to report on the bid opening for the South Luther Sewer rehab. Scott reported that Aztec Construction was the low bid with a bid of \$86,583.00 and recommended Aztec for the project. Board Member Newton moved to accept the bid of Aztec construction for the South Luther Sewer Rehab project. Board Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that the backhoe has been fixed.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar asked the board if they would like to have a budget workshop or if they had any suggestions or changes they would like to see in the

budget. She was planning on working on it for the next year. Board Member Pauli believes that Toni does a good job and the board was in agreement that they do not need to have a workshop for the budget.

Utility Board President:

Board President Bartels reported that Mayor Johnstone would like to put a water treatment facility on a list for future projects that the state may help pay for.

Board Member Humphrey reported that he does not see us needing a treatment facility and if we were to get a treatment facility it would probably require our water operators to have to get a Level II or III License. Board Member Humphrey does not believe we should jump on board with this at this time.

Board Member Humphrey suggested that we get a better idea of what Mayor Johnstone is talking about with the treatment facility.

Board President Bartels reported that he had received an email from Marty Jones with Lidstone once again trying to get us to transfer the A-3 water rights to the A-7 Well. Bartels is concerned as to why Lidstone is so eager to do this transfer.

Board Member Pauli moved that we put the repair or redrilling of the A-3 well on our wish list. Board Member Newton seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Board President Bartels reported that he had done Ted Kellner's evaluation and asked the board what they would like to do. Board Member Humphrey moved to give Ted Kellner a 3.5% wage increase. Board Member Pauli seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Board Member Humphrey thanked the board for waiting for him, while he has been sick. He reported that he really enjoys being on the utility board.

Member's Reports:

Board Member Pauli had nothing to report.

Board Member Newton suggested that we should start planning the sewer line project on Fourth Street which we are collecting Sixth Penny money for. Board Member Humphrey will bring this up to the council.

Board Member Fields was absent from this meeting.

New Business:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that water school will be in Casper April 21st – 24th.

Approval of Vouchers:

Board Member Newton moved to approve the vouchers. Board Member Pauli seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn:

At 6:44 pm Board Member Pauli moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Utility board is scheduled for March 2, 2015 at 6 pm.

Board President Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Utility Board Secretary Toni McNamar