

OSCEOLA WATER BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2023
(UNAPPROVED)

The Osceola Water Works Board of Trustees met for a Special Meeting scheduled on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. This being the time and place as legally posted, the meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairperson Alisha Kale, with the following Board Members present: Sara O’Hair, Jim Kimball, and Larry Bishop. Board member Sandra Ramos was absent. Also present were Superintendent Brandon Patterson, Utility Business Director Patti Snyder, Credit & Collections Manager Sierra Selsor, Lisa Ryan, Ed Stoll, Paul Grasso, and Brandon Grainge.

Board member Kimball motioned to approve the agenda as presented and board member Bishop seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kimball, O’Hair, Bishop, Kale
Nays: None
Absent: Ramos
Motion Passed

Citizens present to address the board for items not on the Agenda: Paul Grasso was present to address the board. Mr. Grasso asked questions regarding publication of the Board Meeting Agenda’s and Board Meeting Minutes. Board Meeting Agenda’s and Minutes can be found online at the osceolawaterworks.com website and are posted in the offices of the Osceola Water Works, 208 W Jefferson, Osceola, IA 50213. Board Meeting Minutes are also published each month in the Osceola Sentinel Tribune. Mr. Grasso asked for an update on what is being done regarding alternate sources of water such as: Treatment Plant Water Re-use – applications have been submitted to the DNR, Arbor Valley – discussions are ongoing, and Sargent’s Quarry – discussions are ongoing.

Superintendent Brandon Patterson opened the discussion regarding a Resolution to Submit a State Revolving Fund Planning and Design Loan Application for a Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project. This resolution is in regards to the SRF Planning and Design Loan Application, as discussed at the last meeting, that is due by January 2, 2024. After discussion, board member Kimball motioned to approve the Resolution for Submitting an SRF Planning and Design Loan Application. Board member Bishop seconded the motion. Roll Call of the Vote was:

Ayes: Kimball, O’Hair, Bishop, Kale.
Nays: None
Absent: Ramos
Motion Passed
Resolution: 2023-31

Chairperson Kale lead the board into a Work Session regarding Water Rates during Water Conservation. Discussion was had regarding the Base Allocation during Water Emergency and Water Crisis as well as how to incentivize customers to conserve water. It was also discussed that customer contact information needs to be updated for communication purposes, etc. More information is needed and will be presented at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Utility Business Director Patti Snyder opened a Work Session regarding the FY 2024-2025 Budget. Preliminary Budget Revenue and Expenses were presented to the Board for review and discussion. More information is needed and will be presented at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Water Superintendent Report: Water Superintendent Brandon Patterson reported that the current West Lake water level is at 1065.3 MSL.

There being no further business to discuss, board member Bishop motioned and board member O'Hair seconded the motion for adjournment at 1:55 p.m.

Ayes: Kimball, Bishop, O'Hair, Kale

Nays: None

Absent: Ramos

Motion Passed

Alisha Kale, Chairperson

Attest:

Patti Snyder, Utility Business Director

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