

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

September 23, 2025

303 S. Anthony St, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Marty Johnson, COO
Jill Rickman, CHRO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Steve Rasmussen, City Admin.
Scotty Johnson III, Customer

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mr. Robertson asked Mr. Johnson to address the concerns with the Board. Mr. Johnson shared concerns with a deposit being applied to his account bill and having to repay his deposit and the customer service he received throughout the issue not being to the standards he expected. Mr. Robertson thanked Mr. Johnson for his time and stated that his concerns would be addressed with management. At this point of the meeting, Mr. Johnson exited and the Board took a 15-minute recess.

Returning from the brief recess, the September 2, 2025 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The June 2025 financial report was presented. No action was required.

An update to the Medical and Dental Insurance policy was presented for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the policy update as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

COO Report: Mr. Johnson provided department updates.

Sanitation-All departments have assisted with projects to prepare for residential sanitation services to begin in November. The Scale House is close to completion.

Power Plant-Crews discovered burnt wire in engine #10 and will be replacing it once the supplies are received. Engine #9 continues to have issues with syncing but is operational. Mr. Johnson shared the pricing and generation data with the Board.

CEO Report: Mr. Chitester provided an executive update.

Ribbon Cutting-A double ribbon cutting to celebrate the solar project and transfer station will be held on October 15th at 9:00 AM.

Solar-There are still issues with Evergy's side of the project. Mr. Chitester is in communication with project staff working toward a solution.

Sanitation-Staff will have a booth at the Delta Fair in the American Legion building providing information and will also hold two Town Hall meetings in October, the 7th at 14th at 6:00 p.m. Missouri DNR will be here tomorrow to inspect the transfer station. A discussion regarding PPE for the public at the transfer station was held and staff will be consulting with MIRMA on the issue. Mr. Chitester thanked the Kennett Fire Department for their assistance with the transfer station fire plan.

Water/Wastewater Treatment-Mr. Chitester is working with a grant writer to apply for another grant to assist with the construction of a new water treatment plant.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Parr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary