

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

August 5, 2025

303 S. Anthony St, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Marty Johnson, COO

Dennis Pelts, Council Member
Steve Rasmussen, City Admin.
Lisa Dry, Council Member
Mark Bryant, Council Member

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

Mr. Robertson shared a thank you card from an employee.

The June 24, 2025 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The May 2025 expenditures were presented for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The May 2025 financials were presented. No action was required.

COO Report: Mr. Johnson provided department updates.

Electric-Light poles at Indian Park have been cut down. We are waiting on an archeologist to be onsite before the poles can be fully removed from the ground. Solar is almost complete, only have a breaker remaining. FEMA-Staff met with them yesterday on the two disaster claims from tornado and flood damage. We anticipate 75% reimbursement from FEMA.

Power Plant-Mr. Johnson shared the pricing and generation statistics for the month of July and reported that repair work continues on engine 9.

Gas-PHMSA held a grant meeting last week and we are only waiting on their legal to be able to proceed. Crews are helping the Sanitation Department with boring at the Compress and are repairing leaks found during the survey.

Sanitation-The barn construction is going well. The semi-trucks and trailers have been purchased and will be arriving soon.

Water/Wastewater Treatment-Things are running well.

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CEO Report: Mr. Chitester provided an executive update.

People's Electric Corporation-Has petitioned to install a new transmission line, similar to the line in Nixa, MO. KBPW has joined with a group of other utilities to file a complaint utilizing Heely Law Firm.

Water Treatment Plant-Staff will be meeting with the architect soon.

Pre-pay Service-Anticipate this service to be available sometime next month.

Sanitation-All positions have been filled. The Transfer Station is on target for completion and inspection by DNR in September. A final review of software is being done later today.

SEMO NEARK-KBPW is hosting the SEMO NEARK meeting on August 13th with NextEra Energy providing the program.

Landlords-Deposit amounts are being increased to a minimum of \$300 for residential property due to the average utility bill being over \$300. Bonds will no longer be accepted – current bonds that can't be cancelled will be accepted until their expiration but will not be renewed. These changes will be effective September 1st. See the handout for full details.

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the changes presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Sanitation Costs-Mr. Chitester provided that if we charge \$15.75 per month he anticipates a loss of \$200,000 per year and if we were to charge \$19.95 per month he anticipates a profit of \$13,000 per year. Discussion was held. Mr. Sparks made a motion to charge \$18.95 per month for the first cart and \$10 per month for the second cart. Mr. Parr seconded the motion. Mr. Sparks, Mr. Parr, and Mr. Baker voted aye, Mr. Robertson voted no. The motion passed.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be on August 19, 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