

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 3, 2026

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
Crystal Dennis, CFO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Mary Bryant, Council Member
Dennis Pelts, Council Member
Lisa Dry, Council Member

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.

The January 22, 2026 meeting open and closed session 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 December 2025 financials were presented. No action was required.

COO Report: Mr. Johnson provided department updates.

Mr. Johnson reported that electric crews are working on reconstruction in the Wright Acres and Hickory Village neighborhoods, the gas department are doing regulator checks, and the water/wastewater department are washing sewer lines. There was a spike in the alkalinity at the lagoon but staff quickly corrected it. Our sanitation department are training on the grapple truck and will begin bulk pick up the week of February 20th. Brian Branum, Safety Director, has left employment and we are working on hiring a replacement. During winterstorm Fern we found some diesel lines that were not working and those have been replaced and spares have been ordered. The Evergy Dashboards were not working properly and we had to have hourly calls with them to get correct pricing. This is being worked on with Evergy. We also had a generator with an engine that tripped. We purchased three loads of diesel and used 45,000 gallons on generation. Our solar produced 119 MWH and we generated 700+ MWH during the storm. Mr. Johnson then share power pricing.

CEO Report: Mr. Chitester provided an executive update.

Property Acquisitions: 409 E. 2nd Street – The owners accepted the offer of \$40,000 and title insurance has been ordered. 507 S. Anthony Street – The appraisal is being done this week. Water Treatment Plant Property – Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mr. Chitester provided a mid-year financial review.

Transfer Station: Mr. Chitester shared that he anticipates losing \$325,000 this year at the transfer station. Kickstart Academy has been contacted about cleaning up the roads near the transfer station. Mr. Chitester also provided a financial outlook and rates and noted that the overfull cans billing will begin next week. A discussion was held regarding bulk pickup.

Other items: Mr. Chitester provided the solar generation, showing the website. Greenpoint Ag is going to provide KBPW with an easement for our gas transmission line. We have pushed prepay back to March 1st and delayed non-payment disconnects by a few days because of the extreme cold. The Mayor shared the City's current struggles with rental permits. Mr. Chitester is providing suggested sites for a new industrial park based on our utility infrastructure. We will be proposing some ordinance changes to the Council. Mr. Chitester asked the Mayor and Council members to help get the water leak at Fire Station 3 corrected. They reported that it was actively being fixed.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be on February 17, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary