

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 6, 2026

303 S. Anthony St, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Towny Sparks
Randy Baker

Others Present:

Marty Johnson, COO
Jill Rickman, CHRO

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

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

The April 21, 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

COO Report: Mr. Johnson provided department updates.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Electric department is performing maintenance, mowing, vegetation management, and are assisting with the Sanitation department with bulk pick-up. Blake Bowers, Gas Department Director, served on a speakers' panel at the American Public Gas Association meeting this week to discuss the winter storm's impact on our utility. David Wilkins provided our employees with a fly over inspection of the gas system. We are still waiting on the GreenPoint easement from their corporate office for the PHMSA grant for the gas transmission line project. The Water/Wastewater Department completed the MTU replacements. IT is routing internet traffic through a new provider link that is cheaper and has more bandwidth. The Sanitation Department has completed 157 bulk pickups with over 30 tons collected. The demand seems to be slowing slightly. The Power Plant control upgrades are still going. At this point Mr. Johnson provided handouts and discussion on power purchasing methods and history.

CEO Report: Mr. Chitester is currently on military orders and had no report.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be canceled due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Robertson shared a thank you card from Electric Department Director, Randy Cook.

Council Member Pelts shared information on the new veteran memorial ribbon cutting.

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary