MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
October 20, 2026
303 S. Anthony St, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:	Others Present:	
John Robertson	Melissa Combs, Interim CEO	Jake Crafton, Mayor
Phil D. Gurley	Lisa Stacks, Admin Assistant	Lisa Dry, City Council
Richard Edgington	Dennis Pelts, City Council	Mark Bryant, City Council
	Stephen Hankins, Bootheel Beacon	Dustin Pritchett

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Edgington made a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Gurley seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote Mr. Edgington-aye, Mr. Gurley-aye, and Mr. Robertson-present. Motion passed. The agenda was amended to add in at the beginning Mr. Sparks resignation. Mr. Edgington made a motion to acknowledge a new letter received by Mayor Crafton dated October 20, 2026, to clear up the resignation of Mr. Sparks. Mr. Gurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Mr. Edgington-aye, Mr. Gurley-aye, and Mr. Robertson-present. Motion passed. Mr. Sparks has resigned from the Board.

Mr. Gurley made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2026, Mr. Edgington seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor.

Mr. Edgington made a motion to approve the contract with Fisher and Arnold. Mr. Gurley seconded this. There was a roll call vote taken, Mr. Robertson-aye, Mr. Edgington-aye, and Mr. Gurley-aye. Motion passed.

CEO updates:

There have been several community events that our staff have participated in. The Chamber Golf Outing and Safety Day at Jones Park today. There was also an employee appreciation luncheon today.

Sanitation-We are working on the verbiage for the announcement of collection of carts from residential customers who still have carts from previous haulers. The Commercial Solid Waste Ordinance is being drafted by Mr. McVey.

Asbestos testing is completed on our two demo projects. One was positive and now we must bid out remediation services.

Water Treatment ground tanks-we received one repair estimate for the roof at $247,000. We are working with them to check on safety and see if they can be sandblasted and repainted.

Gas Department-They made a bulk gas purchase to cover November thru March at the suggestion of Netera Energy.

Visusewer is in town. A sewer issue was found at Pool and Harrison Streets requiring significant repair.

Melissa and Crystal have engaged in conversations with Gilmore Bell, Stifel, and Piper Sandler on the Water Treatment Plant project to learn of bonding situations. They will continue to research with DNR SRF and an investment banker for more information.

Miscellaneous:

Dustin Pritchett was in attendance and asked about the Landlord $300 deposits and the 30-day permits. He asked if we could look into changing this rule, as he feels it isn't working effectively and would like to look for middle ground. Mr. Robertson asked Mrs. Combs to look into this.

The next meeting will be on November 3, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

Closed Session: A Closed Session meeting was held, pursuant to the Sunshine Law, RSMo 1998, Section 610.021, (1) legal actions, cause of action or litigation, and (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees. Mr. Edgington made a motion to enter closed session. Mr. Gurley seconded the motion. There was a voice vote taken. Robertson-aye, Gurley-aye, and Edgington-aye.

Adjournment:
There being no further business, Mr. Edgington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gurley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Richard Edgington Secretary