

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2024**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on May 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Ernie Dowdell, Stormie Hill, Arthur Lloyd

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Ernestor Villanueva

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Angela Nichols

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Wilma Jackson, Don Miller, Kent & Beth Dewees, Robert Stewart, Susana Williams, and others.

Wilma Jackson, Pastor, HOST Ministries opened the meeting with prayer and Don Miller, Post Commander, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the May 21, 2024, Special Meeting
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledge Financial Reports from the month ending April 30, 2024
- D. Ratify Chairman's Execution of Emergency Grant Agreement with OK Water Resources Board (QWRB) for repairs to the 18th & Broadway Ground Water Storage Tank as Approved by the OWRB Board on May 21, 2024.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Hill that the Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. Supplemental Funding for Chemical Feed Building Construction at Water Treatment Plant

Manager Johnston presented information regarding the Chemical Feed Building Construction at the water plant to acknowledge that additional funding would be necessary for the project to proceed. The bids for the project were higher than estimated in the amount of \$670,236.00. Johnston stated that he had contacted the OWRB about obtaining additional funding but that can't be done expeditiously, and he would recommend borrowing money from any source only as a last option. As we work towards the FYE25 budget adoption, this project presents the opportunity to be completed with almost 50 percent ARPA grant funding and such is high priority to make up the shortfall in the next budget year when the actual work will likely take place. If we had another "shovel-ready" project ready to bid we might want to go that direction, but we don't have such a project in that status. Today is the last day to accept the sole bid received for this work, so he needs direction as to the Trustees' thoughts on filling the budget gap as he reported.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Hill to approve supplemental funding plan, subject to the budgeting process, in the amount of \$670,236.00 for the Chemical Feed Building Construction at Water Treatment Plant.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

B. Bid Acceptance/Rejection for Chemical Feed Building at Water Treatment Plant

Manager Johnston stated that bids were opened on May 21, 2024. Only one bid was received, and it was over the anticipated amount. The bid has been forwarded to our consulting engineers for their review and recommendation. Johnston stated that the Walters Morgan Bid for the Chemical Feed Building at the Water Treatment Plant \$3,195,000.00 is presented for acceptance or rejection today. The Trustees were reminded that this project has been needed for some time, we now have a solution to the budget gap and the project still needs to be done if this bid is rejected. He explained that if rejected we would need to put the project out to bid again.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Hill to accept the bid for the Chemical Feed Building at the Water Treatment Plan from Walters Morgan for \$3,195,000.00.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried

C. Purchase of Membranes for Reverse Osmosis Plant

Public Works Director Gene McCullough presented quotes to the Trustees for the purchase of membranes for the Reverse Osmosis Plant. Funding would come from the PWA capital improvement schedule, using some money previously intended for SCADA improvements. He presented quotes from Falcon Water (\$155,250.00), HiPlains Filtration (\$136,765.00) and Water Tech (\$183,000.00) to the Trustees for review. Mr. McCullough recommends going with the low bid from HiPlains at this time. He explained that in the future will consider Falcon Water as they have a membrane refurbishment option when you purchase from them and that will extend the life of the membranes.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell to approve the purchase of the membranes for the Reverse Osmosis Plant from HiPlains in the quote amount of \$136,765.00.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER COMMENTS

Manager Johnston stated that work on the 10th street waterline will begin soon.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Hill to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hill, Lloyd, Berrong, Dowdell

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman