



**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Utility Service Board
September 26, 2017/5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Public Assembly Room**

Members Present: Steve Hall, Dale Tekippe, Dave Parnell, Tracy Boyd, and Terry Gingles

Staff Present: Utilities Superintendent Scott Salsbery and Utilities Operations Manager Paul Wanner

Also Present: three members of the community

Mr. Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced a quorum.

Mr. Hall asked for a motion to approve the September 12 minutes; Mr. Parnell provided it Mr. Gingles gave the second; they were approved 5-0.

Mr. Hall presented the Payment of Claims in the amount of \$487,664.96. The presented vouchers were \$106,399.24. Mr. Tekippe moved to approve the payment of claims; Mr. Gingles provided the second. The motion passed 5-0.

Utility Superintendent Report: Mr. Hall asked Mr. Salsbery to give his report. Mr. Salsbery said the accounted-for water number is 89%, which is good. He indicated there are many possible sources of water for the 11% difference, including water main breaks, firefighters' use, meter inaccuracies, human error in reading or billing, and theft. Mr. Salsbery said LU is aggressive about fixing leaks and the 89% is a good number, because industry standards state 85% is a strong number. He said there are some utilities' with as high as 43% unaccounted-for losses. He said the Lawrence Park ditch work is done; they are awaiting the trees and natural grasses to be planted. He said the Richard WTP is going well, with no problems; Graves is pouring concrete this week. He said the Sumac Water Main project is still waiting for its pipe. He believes it will be delivered by the end of the week. Mr. Salsbery said work on the Ft. Harrison Well Field improvements project design meeting is preparing to move to the bid phase for October, per the SRF/PER plan. He said the manhole improvement project has been let and American Structurepoint is the engineering firm for the project.

Old Business: there was none

New Business:

1. Mr. Salsbery sought approval for DRF #14 (\$1980.00 to Cornerstone Grant Management) and DRF #15 (\$41,452.73 to Wessler Engineering) from the SRF. Mr. Tekippe made the motion and Mr. Parnell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Hall asked for a covenant approval for 6540 Haddix Woods, Lot #55. Mr. Gingles made the motion and Ms. Boyd gave the second; the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hall asked for Account Adjustments: there were none

Remonstrations of Ratepayer Dispute Regarding Disconnect Notice: there were none.

Citizen Comments: Carlton Curry complimented Mr. Salsbery on the 89% accounted-for water usage and said he had worked for an organization that had a 50% loss. He asked about \$3.2 million in the budget without a public hearing for the utility, but said he would be present at the Council meeting October 2.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Tekippe motioned for adjournment at 5:46 p.m.; Ms. Boyd provided the second and the motion passed 5-0.

Steve Hall, President

Julie Kukolla, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions.