

Jan. 22, 2025

Harmony Grove- Okee Jt Minutes

Commissioners Present at roll call; Busch, Breunig, Tatro, Benson, Henry. Wolter - Teleconference.

Employees Present; Connie Sears, Josh Brodeur

1. Called to order by president Benson at 6:02 p.m. Proper notice given in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute # 19.84. Roll call was taken.
2. **Public Input-** None
3. **Dec. 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes** – Henry / Busch motioned to approve the Dec. 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Rental amount to be charged for meeting rooms-** Wolter / Busch motioned to charge \$25.00 for 3 hrs of use for both the upstairs meeting room and the downstairs meeting room with a signed contract that was presented to the Commission, contingent on discussion with Rural Ins. in regards to any liability on rental of locations. Motion carried.
5. **New Tractor vs Repair current tractor at Plant with costs** – Superintendent Brodeur presented the Commission with information concerning repairing the current Tractor. This had a cost of approx. \$7,000.00. He went on to present the Commission with an estimate for a new Tractor with a trade in amount for the old one of \$8,000.00. This would make the new Tractor cost \$38,000.00. The commission discussed the need of a new Tractor, and the improved functionality of the one proposed, and recognized the \$15,000 realized value, with not fixing the old one and the trade in value. It was discussed that Brodeur get more quotes. Breunig made a motion to get more quotes and if those quotes do not come in more than \$2,000 below the \$38,000 quote we received for the John Deere Tractor, move forward with the purchase of the John Deere Tractor. Busch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Superintendent Report-** Brodeur reported B&M and General Engineering stopped out at the Plant to do project planning on the 3rd Lift Station. An update should be presented within the next few months.
7. **Clerk Report-** Sears reported she requested the outside lights on the telephone poles be turned off so the Commission could make a better decision if we need them or not. This will have a savings of about \$600 a year in energy use costs. It was discussed to move forward with eliminating them from the poles. Sears also discussed the need to replace Josh Brodeur's phone. The replacement cost will be less than \$400 for the phone and the plan will increase by \$10 a month. The cost will be included on an upcoming US Cell bill.
8. **Treasurer Report-**
 - a. Motion by Henry / Busch to accept the Operating Income / Budget Statement ending Dec. 31, 2024 as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion by Henry / Tatro to accept General Ledger dated Dec. 1- Dec. 31, 2024. Motion carried.
 - c. Motion by Henry / Busch to approve Jan. 2025 check register with check #'s 2474-2494 and A21197 – A21201, with check #2474 being voided, for a total of \$35,322.55. Motion carried.
9. **Closed Session** – Henry motioned to go into closed session at 7:09pm, per State Statutes 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Benson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Open Session-** 7:34 Henry / Benson motioned to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **Next regular meeting-** Feb. 26, 2025 tentatively.
12. **Adjourn-** Henry / Busch motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Connie R. Sears

Joint District Administrator

Clerk/Treasurer

Feb. 26, 2025