

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POTEAU VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Poteau Valley Improvement Authority was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Poteau City Hall, 111 Peters Street, Poteau, Oklahoma 74953. Those present were:

<u>Executive Trustees</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Mick LaFevers	David Kissinger	James Morrison
Joe Mode	Mike Parker	Dean Warren
Ron Pelanconi	Robert Jordan	Ashley Torres
Mark Caldwell	Keith Adams	
Nick Grant	Ray Lloyd	
	Ty Armstrong	
	Paul Mode	

The Agenda had been posted as required by law by the Manager.

Following opening prayer by Chairman, the meeting was called to order. The minutes of the annual meeting on April 2, 2024, were read and approved.

Mark Caldwell presented the Finance Committee’s report advising he and Mick LaFevers had reviewed the bills and purchase orders and recommended payment. Following discussion motion made by Mick LaFevers that the bills be paid as presented, which motion was seconded by David Kissinger and passed unanimously.

Chairman advised there was no engineer’s report.

James Morrison presented the managers’ report advising the DEQ consent order was to have the belt press working by 7/1/24. An extension was requested by the Manager and DEQ granted an extension for a period of 1 year. The belt press to be operational requires extra plumbing, electrical hookups, new clear well to be constructed, and a new large water line from the clear well high pressure pump to the belt press building in order to supply water to clean the belt press after its operation. Manager feels that once the clear well is completed and the meter is set by OG&E, plans are to have the belt press in operation several months prior to the new DEQ cutoff date.

Manager also stated the pump at the Panama station has been repaired and reinstalled and 2 weeks later a second pump went out and is at the shop being repaired. He stated crews are clearing and leveling the ground for the new clear well and the easement from the CORP to OG&E is still being processed. The CORP has sent paperwork to OG&E to complete and once that is sent back to the CORP, it will go through 3 or 4 desks for approval prior to a final approval. The manager stated bi product sampling will be taken this next week and is hopeful all our water users will have satisfactory results. He stated last Monday a 20 inch pipe had a blowout which caused PVIA to have to turn the pumps off to Poteau for line repair. Some users were without water for approximately 4 hours while pipe line repairs were being made.

Manager discussed renewal of plant insurance. The insurance policy would cover vehicles, building, pump stations, water tanks, and the present insurance company is in the process of working up estimate for a new policy which would begin 6/1/24. The manager has contacted 2 additional insurance companies for bids, and it is expected all bids would be received by the week of 5/24/24. At that time the manager would meet with the finance committee and provide them the quotes from the 3 insurance companies. Manager requested the Board give authority for the committee to approve the best bid. Motion made by Ron Pelanconi seconded by Mick LaFevers to follow the recommendation of the manager and authorize the finance committee to make the final determination for approving the new insurance policy, which motion passed unanimously.

Under new business, Mick LaFevers advised he visited with Rick West and on 6/7/24 at the Reynold Center in Poteau, a representative from DEQ will be present to provide an update on the TMDL study and passage of approval for DEQ to set limits. All board members as well as the general public will be invited to listen to the DEQ representative and find out more about the delay and being able to set TMDL limits for the Wister water shed.

The Manager stated there were 2 quotes for painting the clarifier. The 1<sup>st</sup> quote was from ORR in the amount of \$352,812.00, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quote was from Superior in the amount of \$314,399.00. The building committee met and approved the bid from Superior. It is expected they will start to work on 1 clarifier in the next few weeks prior to the summer season and the other 2 clarifiers will be completed in the fall.

There being no other new business coming before the board, motion made and seconded for meeting to be adjourned, which passed unanimously.



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The above Minutes were approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



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