

August 22, 2023

The Commission of Muhlenberg County Water District No. 3 had a meeting on August 21, 2023 at 4:00PM in the water office in Bremen, Kentucky with the following present:

Commission:
Billy Holland
Deric Doss
Ben Tooley
Cindy Darr
Billy Landrum
Guest Judge Executive McGehee

Ben Tooley said the prayer and then opened the meeting.

Billy Holland allowed Judge Executive McGehee to address the board. He spoke of his desire to regionalize the water utilities. Regionalizing will allow better opportunities to obtain grant money. Thus allowing better infrastructure to lure industries into the county. The board informed Mr. McGehee it was open to sitting down with the other local utilities and having a discussion. A date for the meeting will be set after he speaks with the other utilities in the county.

Minutes were read and Deric Doss made motion minutes, financial statements, and paid bills be approved. Billy Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cindy informed the board Ariel Miller said rates should be available for approval by September's board meeting. To retain our current employees and make their wages comparable to local water utilities and the 2023 KRWA Compensation and Benefit Survey; the board decided to implement a wage increase program over the next three years. Billy Holland made motion the Field Operators, Superintendent, General Manager, and Office Manager will receive an increase of \$1.50/hr effective today. Another \$1/hr increase will occur July 1, 2024, and another \$1/hr will occur July 1, 2025. Deric Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Our data was collected and an example of the upgraded software will be made for the office staff to practice on before getting the true upgrade.

After speaking with the representative from United Systems, the credit card processing company currently in use, The Neil Group, will no longer import credit card payments from the website into the new software. These payments will have to be manually entered each day. After cost comparison, United System's web portal will be the cheaper and faster way to process these payments. Deric Doss made motion United System's Web Portal be purchased and implemented at an initial cost of \$3095. The yearly cost will be \$1595. Billy Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After discussion of the new grant (\$313,000), Ben is to go ahead and receive quotes for a new building.

Deric Doss made motion Billy Landrum attend the KRWA UMI school at a cost of \$795. Billy Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Billy Landrum presented prices for a new trash pump. Deric Doss made motion to purchase a pump from Harbor Freight at a cost of \$799.99. Billy Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Billy Holland stated water loss was 16.26% for July and 15.28% for the year.

Billy Holland made motion Ben Tooley and Cindy Darr have voting rights at the KRWA Annual Business Meeting held August 29, 2023. Deric Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Muhlenberg County Water Dist. is ^{submitted} taking sealed bids on a 2017 Chevy 3500 cab and chassis 4x4 Duramax diesel. Deric Doss made motion to place a bid in the amount of \$35,123.05. Billy Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried. If won, the ~~red~~ Ford dump truck will go up for bid.

white 2008 F350

No other business coming before the commission, Billy Holland adjourned the meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer



Chairman