

ARCOLA/TUSCOLA JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING

April 10, 2018

Drew Hoel called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at Tuscola City Hall. Roll call: Tuscola –Troy Rund, Drew Hoel; Arcola – Terry Foran, John Guyot, Ed Fidler, Bill Wagoner. Also present were Alta Long, Marty and Terri Hildreth and Mark Petty.

AGENDA: Without additions, changes, or objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Hoel presented minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foran, second by Guyot to approve as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Wagoner presented the Financial Statements dated April 5, 2018. Motion by Rund, second by Guyot to approve as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Request was made for a rural water tap: Request was made by Marty and Terri Haldreth. Proposed tap will be 2,100 feet from Joint Agency Main, which exceeds the standard 300 foot allowance that had previously been adopted by the Board. After some discussion, the Board directed Hoel and Wagoner to seek an opinion from an engineer. Concerns are that the length of run will result of chlorine loss, which is a concern. The board will be presented with more information prior to making a final determination.

Error in West Prairie Billing: An ongoing error made by Arcola had been identified in the allocation for the billing for West Prairie Water Company. The issue is complicated and will need further study by Arcola and Tuscola staff to make an accurate accounting of the error and rectify the billing going back approximately 10 years when the mistake originated. In 2007, the Joint Agency agreed to wheel an additional 150,000 gallons per day to West Prairie in addition to the 100,000 gallons of water per day that the City of Arcola was selling to West Prairie. There were separate mechanisms for Arcola billing and Tuscola billing on behalf of the joint agency. Arcola and Tuscola agree that once they have a handle on this, they will cooperate with a third party accountant to verify the findings and work through a plan to resolve the past bills. A full reporting will be made to the Joint Agency Board once that has been completed.

Going forward, there are additional procedures being established within the Arcola and Tuscola billing to prevent further errors. An additional report will be generated on the usage split and provided to the Joint Agency Board at their meeting.

Invoices for Service: The invoice from the City of Arcola for services to the Joint Agency in the amount of \$2,275.52 was presented. Motion by Foran, Second by Rund to approve and pay the invoices as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

The invoice from the City of Tuscola for services to the Joint Agency was in the amount of \$2,200.85. Motion by Rund, second by Fidler to approve and pay the invoice as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Reserve Account Procedure: A final determination on the procedure will be revisited once the past error in the West Prairie billing has been resolved.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at Arcola City Hall. Motion by Foran, second by Fidler to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Wagoner