

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, August 19th, 2021
Date

Regular Meeting

Steve Greenman
President

Members Present:

Steve Greenman, President
Jay Lutz, Commissioner
Kristin Johnson, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director
Kelly Lady, Marketing & Energy Services Manager
Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor

Members Absent:

Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner
Tom Baudler, Commissioner

President Steve Greenman called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 20th, 2021. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the Riverland Workforce Development Scholarship request for \$2,500. AU has participated for several years. Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Jay Lutz to approve the request as presented. Approved unanimously.

Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director, updated the board on the Ellis well house project. An open house is scheduled for August 25th. The 1955 facility received recent upgrades of 1.3 million, nearly a complete overhaul, along with an added water fill station. An insurance claim of approximately \$200,000 helped offset costs. Discussion was held on COVID protocol—visitors will need to mask to go inside the well house. Visitors will receive a shower timer handout, water samples and a biodegradable reusable sponge.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, also updated the Board on the following:

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Jerry Stowell retirement
- July 4th Festival thank you
- A Customer concerned with service fee/Feb PGA
- AU COVID policy returning to masking indoors

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 7:30 am Tuesday, September 14th followed by the Board Work session.

Commissioner Greenman noted that the load control program seems to be running well. Staff agreed and noted that complaint calls had been reduced.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:34 pm.

President

Secretary