



## **MINUTES Water Board**

**4:00 PM - Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

Water Department, 3050 5th Avenue

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The Water Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at Water Department, 3050 5th Avenue, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** John Bender, John McIntosh, Amy Olson, William Kling, and Terry Chew

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Todd Steigerwaldt, Andy Smith, and Curt Huhndorf

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Presentation by Mark Seckman, President of MEDCO regarding their capital campaign prospectus (2025-2029).**

Mr. Seckman presented MEDCO's capital campaign prospectus to the board and shared their vision and goals for the next five years.

**Motion to receive and file MEDCO's capital Campaign Prospectus.**

Moved by Chew, seconded by Kling, to receive and file the above item. Chew thanked Mr. Seckman for attending the meeting and stated the board would consider an annual investment pledge amount for Medco's five year capital campaign at a future meeting.

Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Bender, Olson, Kling, and Chew

Nays: McIntosh

**Motion to approve the August 13th 2024 minutes and August 2024 payable invoices for \$2,035,436.69.**

Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Olson, to approve above referenced items. Bender asked about the location of the water main along Tower Terrace Road west of the Alburnett Road roundabout. Steigerwaldt stated the city installed a 12" water main along the south side of Alburnett Road to New

Newcastle Road. They also installed an 8" water main under the new round about at Barnsley Lane and Tower Terrace Road to serve the land north of Tower Terrace Road. Chew asked about the other large payment to the city. Steigerwaldt stated it was the monthly reimbursement check for sewer and garbage etc.

Approved unanimously

**Motion to receive and file the August 2024 revenue, expense and financial reports.**

Moved by Bender, seconded by Kling, to receive and file the attached documents. Steigerwaldt shared there was a lost deposit at Farmers State Bank but they found the money that was deposited after the fund balance report was printed.  
Approved unanimously

**Motion approving payment #2 to Loecke Building Service, Inc. for construction of new storage facility for \$96,092.50.**

Moved by Olson, seconded by McIntosh, to approve payment referenced above. Steigerwaldt stated the contractor continues to make progress on the new storage building. He shared a recent photo with the board. He told the board that staff has decided to add a retaining wall along the east side of the building to help with the grade change and provide an additional parking stall.

Approved unanimously

**Motion approving Water Main Application for Hunters Field Condos Additions.**

Moved by Bender, seconded by Chew, to approve the above referenced water main application. Steigerwaldt stated this water main installation will occur along the north side of Connection Avenue between Lucy Lane and Winslow Road. The developer is Karl Rosenberg with Fritz Development of Cedar Rapids. There is approximately 475' of 8" water main being installed by Alltrans Inc. There are 5 future lots which will accommodate 5 condo duplexes. Each lot will more than likely be final platted individually due to the frontage fee cost established along Connection Boulevard. Each duplex unit will have their own water service line and curb box.

Approved unanimously

**Motion approving payment to Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for elevated water tower design for \$711.00.**

Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Kling, to approve above referenced payment. Steigerwaldt also shared bid results from a similar 1 MG elevated water tower that was recently let in Grinnell, Iowa. There were four bidders with the low bid at \$3,740,000.00. The plans were also done by V&K. The board was pleased and hopeful that prices remain competitive for our project. Steigerwaldt also mentioned Terracon would be starting on the geotechnical design of the tower's footing soon.

Approved unanimously

**Motion approving purchase of a Trimble 10" GPS unit for \$6,703.20.**

Moved by Bender, seconded by Olson, to approve item referenced above. Steigerwaldt stated this is a budgeted item which will replace an existing GPS unit that is near its end of software support. McIntosh and Huhndorf inquired if we should be ordering two units. Steigerwaldt stated he wanted to get the new unit first before ordering two units all at once. There may be money left in the budget to consider buying another one later on in this fiscal year if needed.

Approved unanimously

**Motion approving annual financial pledge to the Marion Chamber of Commerce for \$660.00.**

Moved by Olson, seconded by Bender, to approve above mentioned financial pledge. Steigerwaldt stated this is a budgeted expense for this fiscal year. Steigerwaldt mentioned that Brooke Pouty took a job in the Des Moines area but the Chamber has

already replaced her with an excellent candidate named Lacey Schroeder.  
Approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Bender, Olson, Kling, and Chew

Nays: McIntosh

**Discussion regarding ongoing issue with saddle tap corrosion issue.**

Staff stated there is another lot that does not have water service flowing from the stop box. Staff is researching other options going forth. One option is to paint the inside threads on the saddle so that the bare steel doesn't touch the bare brass metal. Another option is to begin using all brass saddles but they are more expensive. Another idea is to use brass saddles when we know the taps will be under paving. As far as the lot without water flowing, the board agreed to follow past practice and have the developer hire a contractor to remove the section of street to access the main and see if the corp was left in the off position or just corroded.

**Discussion regarding Field Operations Reports.**

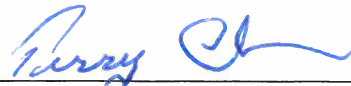
Smith updated the board on August activities which included one year inspections on the Lindale Tower and 1 MG GST at the shop. Staff power washed the GST at Site #5 and performed inspections on city projects and private subdivisions. There was one leak at 3rd Avenue and 6th Street that crews found and fixed. Chew asked if pumpage was down from last year at this time and staff stated we are pumping less water.

**Secretary Report**

Steigerwaldt shared the August building report where there were 14 permits issued with a valuation over \$50,000. He shared a future parking lot and driveway access site plan for Gill Park that will allow staff to access the booster plant directly. He also shared that the memorial bench for Hapgood and McComas has been ordered for the new Draper Park.

**ADJOURN at 5:17 PM**

The next monthly meeting for the Marion Water Board will be on October 8th 2024 at 4:00 PM and also on ZOOM.

  
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Terry Chew, Chairman

  
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Todd Steigerwaldt, Secretary