The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on June 3, 2025, at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In 47579.

The meeting was called to order by President, Scot Elliott at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Scot Elliott, Tony Perkins, Steve Leibering, Theresa Hartwig and Matt Woolems
Board Members Absent: None
Also, Present: Jane Lindsey; Clerk-Treasurer, Chris Glenn, Water Supervisor

MINUTES

Steve Leibering made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2025, meeting as presented. Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

Reports were given to the board to review prior to the meeting.

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Scot Elliott reported the revenue is ahead of last year despite operating 4 less days.

CLERK-TREASURER

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer informed the board that another transfer would need to be done to cover the Town's portion of the EDA grant. Elliott stated that the board did budget for this and the Clerk should transfer $325,000. The Clerk-Treasurer previously transferred $200,000. Lindsey stated that she would need to prepare a resolution to be approved at the July meeting before the transfer could be completed. Lindsey also reported that the new utility bills from Boyce will be mailed out for the first time. Lindsey stated that the process went smoothly and expects very minimal glitches this first month.

Lindsey inquired if the Board would be interested in a rate study on the water rates. Lindsey stated that the Town Council was considering a rate study for the sewer rates which have not been increased since 2013. Lindsey stated that the estimated cost for the water rate study would be $15,000. The water board was not interested in pursuing a rate study at this time. The Board stated they will likely just do a pass through rate increase on what Patoka does.

PATOKA PIT RELOCATION

Two agreements were presented by Scot Elliott. A Bill of Sale and Assumption of Easements were presented for Board review. Elliott stated that the attorney, Kevin Patmore and Utility Superintendent Russ Luthy have both reviewed and approved the agreements. Elliott recommended the water board approve and recommend the Town Council to review and sign. Steve Leibering made the motion to recommend the Town Council to review and sign the Bill of Sale and Assumption of Easements at their next meeting. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

GIS

Chris Glenn spoke about utilizing a new software program called Ziptilly. Glenn will gather numbers for budgeting for the change in 2026. Glenn stated that he expects the cost for both hardware and software to be $10,000. Glenn stated that there would also be an annual maintenance fee. Ed Peters from Midwestern Engineering stated that this is the program they use, and they have had excellent results. There was discussion about procedures of catching up on 1-2 years of data and developing consistent procedures for using the GIS system in the field.

EDA

Scot Elliott presented the final pay request for Copper Ridge Pay App #11 in the amount of $59,812.68 to be paid from the EDA grant.
Theresa Hartwig made the motion to approve Copper Ridge's Pay App #11 in the amount of $59,812.68. Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

Scott Elliott presented Change Order #1 a reduction of $63,393.96 from the contract price. Discussion was had and Tony Perkins made the motion to approve Change Order #1. Steve Leibering seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

The project came in under budget by approx. $160,000 from initial estimates.

Copper Ridge was praised as being a great contractor.

MARIAH HILL LINE PROJECT

Ed Peters has documented the route and is finalizing it on paper. Peters reported the goal was to have 75% of the plans completed and then work on easements in July and August. Peters hopes to have the project ready to put out for bids in August/September and then open bids at the October meeting.

Scot Elliott presented Invoice # 202408000-02 from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of $34,000. Elliott stated that this invoice would be paid from the County's ARPA funds. Clerk-Treasurer, Jane Lindsey would submit the invoice to Melissa Bunner, County Auditor for payment.

Tony Perkins made the motion to approve Invoice # 202408000-02 from Midwestern Engineering in the amount of $34,000 to be paid from the County's ARPA funds. Steve Leibering seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

VOUCHERS

Clerk-Treasurer presented the water vouchers in the amount of $335,588.01.
Tony Hartwig made the motion to approve the voucher in the amount of $335,588.01. Matt Woolems seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

No further business Tony Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm and Theresa Hartwig seconded the motion.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried 5-0

Next monthly Water Board meeting will be on July 8th, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Scot Elliott, President

Stephen Leibering, Vice President

Matt Woolems, Member

Tony Perkins, Member

Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member

ATTEST:

Jane Lindsey, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus