

CITY OF LA JUNTA            )  
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Subject to approval at the March 9, 2010, Utilities Board Meeting.
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta, Colorado was called to order by Chairman Lorenz Sutherland on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in the Power Board Room of the Municipal Building.

Roll was called and the following Board Members were present:

Bob Freidenberger, Council Representative  
Allen Hill, Commissioner  
Carl Otteman, Commissioner  
P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Absent: Don Rizzuto, Mayor

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager  
Bill Jackson, Assistant City Manager  
Lloyd Smith, Electric Utility Director  
Joe Kelley, Director of Water and Wastewater Treatment  
Patty Hurt, Finance Director  
Jan Schooley, City Clerk  
Lisa Steeves, Tribune-Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Chairman Sutherland asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

#### REPORTS

**Water & Wastewater Treatment.** Joe Kelley gave the following report:

1. The storage tank at the Airport Industrial Park is constructed and ready for painting. The booster station building for the storage tank at 14<sup>th</sup> and Smithland is being erected.
2. The Water Crew moved a water main to protect it from the new rail spur construction for Lewis Bolt and Nut.
3. We installed a fire hydrant for the Fire Department training on Barnes Avenue.
4. Blower #1 check valve at the Wastewater Treatment Plant failed; a used valve was installed. We ordered two rebuild kits to repair the valve in service and have a rebuilt valve on reserve.
5. The effluent pump impeller seized and quit operating at the Industrial Park lagoons. We checked out the motor with the assistance of Rick Miell and freed up the impeller and put it back in service.
6. The effluent flow recorder failed at the Industrial Park lagoons. We replaced it with an extra recorder from the lab on January 19.
7. We cleaned 8,362 feet of sewer main throughout the City.
8. A contractor moved a sewer main and installed two new manholes as part of the Lewis Bolt rail spur. We had to supply materials to facilitate this job.

**Power Plant & Distribution.** Lloyd Smith gave the following report.

1. We had a Title 5 Operating Permit inspection from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, EPA Division. They came down to the power plant and checked the facility and equipment. We were in compliance and passed the inspection.
2. The Line Crew installed some compact fluorescent bulbs in some of the downtown street light fixtures. This is an energy efficiency measure designed to save approximately 50% on energy consumption. We have checked the lighting at night and cannot see any difference in brilliance. The fix-

tures we have retrofitted are in front of the Library and both sides on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Colorado and Santa Fe. They have been in place for two weeks with no problems. We are going to retrofit all of the period lighting downtown.

3. We are installing the electric service and metering to the new pump station for the new water tank at 14<sup>th</sup> and Smithland.
4. Also some of the Line Crew members are attending the Overhead, Underground, and Metering School in Garden City this week.
5. I attended the January ARPA Board meeting along with Bob Freidenberger, Allen Hill and Rick Klein. One of the discussion items was the lawsuit filed by Wild Earth Guardians. ARPA's first step is to file a motion to dismiss this lawsuit and that has been done this week.
6. The next ARPA Board meeting will be held by teleconference here in the Utility Board Room on February 25 at 10 AM.

**Sanitation.** In the absence of Dan Eveatt, Rick Klein gave the following report:

1. This is the first month that we have full-year data reflecting the changes we made last year when we changed the compactor/transfer station hours and introduced the 20 yard box service. We had two big construction jobs going on last year (Hampton Inn and Tiger Stadium), so it will be interesting to see how the numbers compare throughout this year.
2. We are still waiting on the new truck for the automated trash collection program.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Financial Presentation.** Chairman Sutherland told the Board that in the interest of educating the Board in regard to its fiscal responsibilities and activities, he would like to have some "short takes" on various topics throughout the year. Today Finance Director, Patty Hurt, gave a report on "retained earnings", "enterprise funds" and "reserve for contingencies."
- B. **City Manager's Comments**
  1. I spent the day at Otero Junior College as a judge for the FBLA Conference.
- C. **City Attorney's Comments** - None
- D. **Governing Body's Comments**
  1. Freidenberger asked how soon Lewis Bolt will start production at the rail spur site. Lloyd Smith said they plan on being up in three months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

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Janice L. Schooley, City Clerk