

WATER BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10TH, 2005
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Chuck Storie, Bob Cochran and Robin Meyer.
Frank Massey was absent.

The Minutes were approved with one correction of the Water Metering Testing Ordinance instead of Water Testing Ordinance.

Rick Denney, Water Superintendent told the Board that the P.H. Machine they have is only two years old, but they are having trouble and it is costing approximately \$200 every six to eight weeks for the cartridge probes. The company has discontinued this P.H. Machine, but is keeping the parts for this machine for one to five years.

The cost of a different machine is \$1600. The Board asks Rick if this machine has any kind of warranty on it. They suggested to Rick to look around and see if there is anything else on the market.

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Bob Cochran to table this until next month. So passed.

Rick told the Board that the Dixon mower that is 7-8 years old has a bad motor and the cost of a new motor is \$2000. Rick had a couple of quotes; 1. John Deere for \$7098.00 that is including a discount of \$2589.01 and government discount of \$761.00. The original price was \$10,448.01. 2. Kabota quote was \$10,400 with a 5% discount of \$520, making it \$9,880.00.

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Bob Cochran to purchase the John Deere and use the old one for as long as possible. So passed.

Mayor Manus stated that the County has been very generous to the City in allowing all meetings to be held at the Courthouse, but feels the Board should give some thought to maybe start holding meetings at Billings.

The Water Meter Testing and Calibration Ordinance have been passed on the first reading by Council.

Donna Lecher the Utility Office Manager gave an update on the radio read meters. Donna stated that the original company that made the Ramar Transpondant, which is the radio device that goes on the Hersey Meter, has gone bankrupt. The new owner of the company is Blue Tower Communications Limited, a company based in London. They did not honor the warranty from the past owner. The distributor that sold us the original system is National Water. They bought us 100 of the new transpondants from Blue Tower and has helped us with installation to repair non-working ones we had in the system. So far they are working well. We are trying to get Hersey Meters to buy us 234 more transpondants along with new registers for the meters we have in garage, or take back our system and give us a cash refund.

Rick Denney told the Board that they have not been able to get to Mr. and Mrs. Allgeier yet, because they have been tied up behind the CVS area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer