

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013

The April 9, 2013 meeting of the Lake Mills Public Works Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building Council Chambers by Board Chairman Mark Pickard. Roll Call was answered by Mark Pickard, Robin Wolff and Doug Fritsch. Absent were John Reich, Rudy Schaar and Morris Wickliffe. Also present were City Manager Steve Wilke, City Attorney Vickie Schmidt, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Elizabeth Milbrath and Brandon Herbert of Strand.

Minutes of December 11, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. Fritsch, second Mrs. Wolff. Motion passed 3-0.

Questions and Public Comment. Diann Fritsch, 609 Mulberry St., was on the City Council when the Board was created. Its' intent was to provide input to the City Council. Mrs. Fritsch was on the committee that was formed to decide on the decorative lights for the Commons Park/Downtown area. She recently spoke to the company that originally supplied the lights and found that there are parts and an LED insert is available.

Discussion/Recommendation on Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvement Bids and Contract Award. This is work the Public Works Board looked at last fall. Repair to leaks, oxidation ditches and domes are included. Motion Mr. Fritsch, second Mrs. Wolff to recommend award of the contract to August Winters and Sons, Inc. as stated in the prepared motion #13-4-1. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Recommendation on Downtown Substation Equipment Bids and Contract Award. The project includes eliminating the downtown substation, complete the loop around the lake and add 4 smaller transformers. Motion Mrs. Wolff, second Mr. Fritsch to recommend award of the contracts as stated in prepared Motion 13-4-2. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Decision on Owen Street Lighting. The area in front of the Day Care and City Park is dark and caused a safety concern. Motion Mr. Fritsch, second Mrs. Wolff to place a street light along Owen Street as described in Motion 13-4-3. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion/Recommendation on Decorative Lighting in the Downtown Area. Discussion on the street lights in the downtown area that need condensers replaced. It is an opportunity to discuss options and make them dark sky compliant. Board directed Public Works Superintendent Hermanson to ask for light samples to consider and bulbs of different colors, obtain cost of replacing fixtures in existing lights and cost of changing to LED.

Discussion on TID #4 Amendment #2 Infrastructure Improvements. Discussion on traffic, new street placement, gas station traffic route, costs and storm water.

Discussion on the Role of the Public Works Board. Mr. Fritsch expressed that wished for the informal ability to discuss issues and receive project updates. Understands the agenda and meeting requirements. Asked for an item that will allow for discussion. Since no item will allow open discussion monthly reports can be used as a means of conveying general information to the board.

Recommendations for Future Agendas. Update on the Main Street Bridge, Catlin Drive Construction project, pot holes, water main breaks and discussion on street name signs replacement.

Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Elizabeth J. Milbrath, City Clerk