Humboldt Natural Gas Minutes

The Humboldt Natural Gas board met in regular session on Thursday, January 17th, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harvey Shumaker. Members present were Lynn Froke and TJ Kaffar. Members absent were Mike Shumaker and Cara Luke.

The minutes of the October 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Froke and seconded by Kaffar to approve the minutes. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

The rates for October 2012 were $4.6038 per Dekatherm, November 2012 $4.8256 per dekatherm and December $4.81 per dekatherm. This includes transportation but does not include the Margin.

The financials for the months of October, November and December 2012 were reviewed. The yearend numbers were a little low due to the Bond principal payment which was due in November but the December numbers were normal.

A motion was made by Kaffar and seconded by Froke to approve the rates and financials.

The metering issue at the TBS was discussed. No solid numbers have been received from CenterPoint regarding the meter change out. Nick Peterson from CenterPoint will be contacted. Lock in rate for next heating season will also be reviewed at the next meeting.

The new Emergency Call number has been in effect since January 1st, 2013. The Helpline had a call on December 31, 2013 and everything went as planned. A couple of call order phone numbers were changed around.

Since the transition to the new Emergency Number, 1-888-320-1490, NorthWestern will no longer be responsible for receiving the call from the Help Center on an Emergency. The calls will be forwarded to Daryl Sieverding and Kristie Ellis. Getting paid for the hours on call was discussed. Daryl indicated the Town of Marion pays their water and sewer guys $2.00 per hour for on call time.

After discussion a motion was made by Shumaker and seconded by Froke to recommend the approval of $2.00 an hour pay for all on call hours for the Natural Gas System. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

The Common Ground Alliance Best Practices 9.0 was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Froke and seconded by Kaffar to adopt the CGA Best Practices 9.0 for the Natural Gas System. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

The Emergency Response Training meeting being sponsored by PAPA, Pipeline Association for Public Awareness and SDPA, South Dakota Pipeline Association, will be held on February 6th, 2013. If anyone else can make it, just let the Finance Officer know prior to that date.

The terms of the members was discussed. Harvey Shumaker’s term is up this year and agreed to be a member again, however on an annual basis. Not for the full five years.

With no further business, a motion was made by Froke and seconded by Kaffar to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried.

ATTEST: KRISTIE ELLIS

 FINANCE OFFICER