

KREBS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
JULY 16, 2024

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -by Chairman Tommy Ray Walker

2. ROLL CALL- by City Clerk, Cindy J. Cooper

3. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2024 BOARD MEETING

[Connie Poole makes a motion to approve the minutes.](#) Dan Heathcock seconds. Chairman Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Jason Wagnon- yes. [Motion passed.](#)

4. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

[Connie Poole makes a motion to approve the minutes.](#) Dan Heathcock seconds. Chairman Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Jason Wagnon- yes. [Motion Passed.](#)

5. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CLAIMS

[Dan Heathcock makes a motion to approve the claims.](#) Connie Poole seconds. Chairman Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Jason Wagnon- yes. [Motion passed.](#)

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH MIKE KERN

Mike Kern, City Accountant request council turn to page three of the financial statements. This is the income

7. BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

None

8. BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

A. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE PURCHASE OF (54) SR2 5/8 X 3/4 1 GAL REGISTERS AT A COST OF \$76.13 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$4111.02, AND (24) LOW LEAD 5/8 X 3/4 SR2 1 GAL. WATER METERS WITH PLASTIC BOTTOM PLATE AT A COST OF \$262 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$6288.00. FROM UTILITY TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. THE COMBINED TOTAL WOULD BE \$10399.02. OR TO INSTEAD PURCHASE (24) 3/4" Iperl 1 GAL SHORT BODY METERS AT A COST OF \$175 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$4200 ALSO FROM UTILITY TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. BLAKE VANDORPE FROM UTILITY TECHNOLOGY SERVICES WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION.

Blake Vandorpe from Utility technology is invited to come up to the podium. Blake jokes that he does not know if it is a good thing to talk tonight or not. Blake state he has been supplying our water meters for a very long time and he has been trying to get the Iperl meter in Krebs for quite some time, but he never had any luck with Donny. Blake states the Iperl meter has a 15-year full, five-year pro rate. It has a 20-year guaranteed accuracy. Blake states our current meters are doing a disservice to us. He states they are expensive, only have a guaranteed accuracy for one year, have a 10-year warranty on the register and they are a moving part meter. There is a piston in it. When dirt and debris get in it slows it down. The more volume of water that runs through the meter, the meter slows down as well so they are not as accurate. Blake states you can run two billion gallons through the Iperl meter and it will still be as accurate as it is on day one. Blake states "you guys don't have to buy these meters but this meter cost \$175 compared to \$262." Blake states he has brought this to Kay, Bill and Jayme's attention that yes, obviously we make more money when we sell you the SR2's but what we try to do is educate the customers. Blake states he feels like it (SR2) is doing us a disservice because it is an old school meter. Blake states they do not sell positive displacement meters

anymore they sell nonmoving part meters. Krebs is the only customers of the 85 customers Blake sells meters to that buy SR2 meters. Everyone else buys Iperl's. Blake states the city of Lawton has 31,000 of the Iperl meters in their system.

Dan Heathcock asked the typical life span of the Iperl is 20 years.

Blake responds yes, it has a 15-year full and 5 years prorated. The meters you are buying right now has 10 years just on the register and an accuracy of only one year. The Iperl meter has a 20-year guaranteed accuracy.

Dan Heathcock clarifies that it is better than the more expensive one.

Blake states it is 10 times better, because of the warranty and the accuracy. Blake states this meter also reads down to 27 hundredths of a gallon the SR2 reads down to a quarter of a gallon. You are losing revenue through that SR2 meter. Blake states, I am not saying you have to buy it, I just said I would come to a council meeting and tell you what makes us different. I feel like you guys are wasting money. You don't have too by any means it's your call.

Mayor Walker asked if the plastic on the Iperl was stronger?

Blake states yes, he just sent Jayme and Kay a video on that. Blake states everyone states "well plastic is not going to work". Blake states we should call Lawton who has 31,000. Crowder uses the Iperl as does PCWA, McAlester has them, Kiowa.

Mayor Walker asked if they get broken very often?

Blake states, no. The meter will stand about 1420 PSI before it freezes and bust. The brass meters we are currently using is about 620 PSI. Blake states once the brass freezes it will swell but it will never go back to normal. It will never be as accurate.

Mayor Walker asked if the plastic would not crack from freezing.

Blake states, it will, if it gets cold enough, but it will withstand more pressure than what a brass meter will.

Mayor Walker asks, and more freezing?

Blake states, correct.

Mike Kern asks, if there was a certain number of units that had to be bought at one time.

Blake states, no you can buy one.

Dan Heathcock states so we would have about a \$210 savings by purchasing 24 of these as opposed to the other meters (SR2).

Blake states SR2 is \$266 and the Iperls are \$176. (Difference of \$90 each = \$2160)

Billy Robinson states the problem Donny had with them is, that brass loop if you try and thread it on and miss it and cross thread it, then that meter is no good. That was Donny's number one kick about it.

Blake states he told Bill (Kishi-meter reader) its all on practice and doing it. The majority of Krebs stuff is in the center, which gives you advantage. Obviously straight pipe is a little bit trickier than a center. Blake states he told Bill "I know that's what everyone is going to say, you cross thread it." If you buy something for the city and you guys are cross threading them and breaking them then there should probably be repercussions. What Mark does in Lawton if his guys are not taking their time, he writes them up because this is an asset to the city.

Blake states "I am not saying to write your guys up what I am saying is take your time. What I suggest is just have Bill (Kiski) put the meters in.

Billy Robinson states some of the meters are two foot down. You hold it with one hand and thread that with the other. You can't get two hands in the can and some of our meters have two meters per can. That was Donny's complaint on them.

Blake states, you guys can do what you want. I was asked to come here. It does not bother me either way. Also, another way to do this is Pam cooking spray. Anything you can lubricate the threads with will make it thread better and they do make dyes if you do cross thread them.

Mayor Walker thanks Blake, and asks the council what they think.

Dan Heathcock asks Billy what he says?

Billy Robinson states its council's call. I'm just saying what Donny told me.

Connie Poole states, that is what she is listening too because he did that for years.

Billy Robinson states "Donny did it for years."

Dan Heathcock asks who does it now?

Billy Robinson responds, Bill.

Dan Heathcock ask Billy if the first mentioned water meters are the ones they have been working with. Dan states there is \$87 difference per meter.

Cindy Cooper, City Clerk states they have been replacing the meters, I don't know what the number is but that is the reason that's on there is because they have had to replace. Cindy asked Jayme Busby (utilities billing clerk, what they have been having to replace.

Jayme Busby states they keep having to replace the button.

Cindy Cooper asks on the ones we are using now.

Connie Poole asks which ones are we using now?

Jayme Busby states the SR2's.

Connie Poole asks is that the ones he is showing us?

Jayme Busby replies, no on the SR2's.

Cindy Cooper states the more expensive ones.

Jayme Busby states, also just to take note of what he said, that the SR2's are old school. Donny was old school. Jayme states "I love Donny, and he did a wonderful job," but he was more afraid of the Iperl because he had bad luck with threads.

Connie Poole states, he is also saying but when you reach down there its further down so it's going to be hard to put that on there for him.

Jayme Busby states, there is nothing saying we can't have both kinds of meters. We could still use the SR2's in the ones where it is more difficult to install.

Connie Poole asks if we could table this until maybe Bill (Kishi) can come explain to us. He is the one going to be doing this. I feel like that is the person we need to be asking these questions to.

Dan Heathcock states it is little more than \$100 difference is what I see on 24.

Connie Poole makes a motion to table until Bill can come explain to us. Since he is the one going to be installing them, he needs to know what he wants to work with.

Dan Heathcock asks if they have a little ground movement after dig up what they have to dig up and get it all fast and dry and the ground moves a little bit is that going to snap that *inaudible*.

Blake states no. Like I said the city of Lawton, we just sold the whole city of Norman, that's 44,000 meters. Midwest City, Chickasaw, Anadarko, and Purcell. We have 44 aniline systems and 130 something drive-by systems in the state. They all run Iperls. The only ones that don't

Dan Heathcock asks if they have to remove a meter for whatever reason is that going to make it more difficult?

Blake states no they are both the same lift plate, 7 ¼". Like I said the majority of your stuff is in the center so that makes the job 10 times easier. Blake states no harm no foul either way you are buying meters from us so it doesn't matter. I am just saying the SR2 is...

Dan Heathcock cuts in, way better?

Blake states, no no, the SR2, I feel like it's a disservice selling it to you.

Dan Heathcock states the other one is way better. Dan seconds the motion to table.

Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Jason Wagnon- yes. Motion to table passed.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

None

10. ADJOURN

Connie Poole makes a motion to adjourn. Dan Heathcock seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Jason Wagnon- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Dan Heathcock - yes. **Motion passed.**