**Berea Utility Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 26, 2018**

Present: Josh Bills, Diane Zekind, Ed Fortner & Rodney Short

Ed announced to the Board he will be retiring at the end of August with his last day being July 13th. Kevin Howard will be the Interim Supervisor.

There will be a KYMEA meeting in Frankfort on Thursday starting @ 11:00 AM, if anyone would like to attend. Berea is on the closed session agenda because now it’s on a re-negotiation of terms discussion. This is the result of the City Council voting to defund the budget line item used to pay KYMEA membership fees. Kevin Howard will move from alternate to primary representative on the KYMEA Board of Directors.

Ed wants it on record that this utility needs a Board of Commission.

We have received funding of $950,000 for the design of the dam (NRCS Project). This is a $12 million project with 10% of the cost going to engineering which has two engineering firms involved. The planning phase cost well over $1 million. The permit looks promising and there is a strong possibility Army Corp of Engineers may issue a nationwide permit.

South Middletown Sewer Trunk Line Project: We are still waiting to hear a response on the $1 million grant application from the CBDG for the project. They officially have until August to award funding. Hopefully they will decide sooner.

B-Lake Project: The contractor was scheduled to start this project on Monday, June 25th to regrade and compact the bank. The retaining wall that has failed will need to be re-established. This is a 45-day contract.

Cowbell: This will be the next spillway project. The boulders under the spillway have washed away.

Electric System Reliability Project: Currently using EXACTOR software over the electric system. This technology captures low frequency “noise” emitted from “weak” spots in our overhead distribution system. Once the system is scanned, repairs will be made to correct the problems found. The result will be fewer outages on our system.

Owsley Fork Pump Station: Getting quotes from vendors to replace failed pump.

Ed needs to get with Paul Garcia to discuss rates. He discussed with Randy about keeping the rates flat for the next five years.

AMP has agreed to sell us 25 megawatts for $1.50 as stated in the contract.

Ed concluded that he wished everyone well and if anyone wanted to get in touch with him that Kevin would let him know.