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Auburn Board of Public Works places GM on temporary leave

(KLZA)-- The Auburn Board of Public Works conducted an emergency meeting April 4, during which Auburn BPW General Manager Dave Hunter was placed on temporary paid leave.

The prior day, Auburn BPW Board Chair, Chuck Knipe placed Hunter on temporary paid leave. According to a Nemaha County Herald report, Knipe took the action following a conversation with board member Phil Shaw, which “constituted a significant threat to the harmful operation of the board, City of Auburn and the public.”

Hunter will remain on paid leave through Wednesday, April 19, which is the boards regular April meeting. The vote for the leave was approved unanimously.

The Board members assigned management responsibilities to BPW accounting and finance manager Tamara Westhart, with the assistance of Board Chairman Knipe during the duration of the leave.

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