

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Raplinger called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Johnson, Petroskey and Raplinger

Absent: Commissioner Marwick

Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Finance Director; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Approved

Item 2 – A motion was made by Culbert and supported by Petroskey to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 – Commissioner Raplinger stated the next LEA meeting was scheduled for April 24, 2018 at 4:00 in Hibbing.

Item 5 – (a) and (b) A motion was made by Petroskey and supported by Johnson that financial resolution No. 5258 - Authorizing the payroll dated March 29, 2018 in the amount of \$98,797.26, direct deposits #28399 through #28466 and the payroll dated April 12, 2018 in the amount of \$104,386.08, direct deposits #28467 through #28533; and the bills dated March 26, 2018 through April 23, 2018 in the amount of \$1,230,753.26, checks #101334 through #101517 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,278,530.82 be adopted and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Raplinger noted that questions raised by some commissioners regarding accounts payable had all been answered. Mr. Hafdahl thanked the Commission for their attention to the payment approval reports.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French stated there was one injury reported for the month resulting in no restrictions or lost time.

Item 7 – None

Item 8 (a) – A motion was made by Culbert and supported by Petroskey to approve the travel request for 2 linemen to attend MMUA Apprentice Training; May 15-18, 2018 in Marshall, MN.

Item 8 (b) – Mr. French stated the APPA National Conference & Public Power Expo is scheduled to be held in June 2018. He indicated he and Commissioner Marwick had attended in the past and was interested in attending this year if feasible. He further recommended the Commission give pre-approval for himself, Mr. Hafdahl and any commissioners interested in attending. A motion to approve conference attendance and related costs was made by Johnson and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (c) – Mr. French stated Mr. Hafdahl had prepared a VPU Steam Conversion Loan Program Information Sheet outlining the program. He stated this information was presented at the realtor meeting and those in attendance were pleased. He further stated the information sheet would be included in the customer packets and on the VPU website. Mr. French indicated that as of now the plan was to rollout the loan program on May 1st. He further stated that although the final terminations aren't anticipated to take effect until June 1st, he received assurance from Xcel Energy that they would go through.

Item 9 (a) - Mr. French stated that as long as the Power Purchase Agreement remained in effect VPU would be scheduling 18 megawatts utilizing #9 coal and #11 wood boilers. He further stated we would continue burning wood while supplies last. He anticipated the supply to run out next week at which time the coal boilers would be used.

Item 9 (b) – Commissioner Raplinger requested VPU look into electric work trucks before any new purchases were made. Mr. Hafdahl indicated he would begin an analysis process.

Item 10 – A motion to adjourn at 4:54 was made by Culbert and supported by Petroskey. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President