

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, MAY 22, 2017 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Raplinger called the meeting to order at 3:37 PM.

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Johnson, Marks, and Raplinger

Absent: Commissioner Marwick

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

**Approved**

Item 2 – Motion to approve the agenda by Johnson and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – No appearances.

Item 4 – Mr. French announced that the next LEA Commission is scheduled May 22, 2017 in Virginia at 4:30 PM.

Item 5 – (a) and (b) – A motion was made by Marks and supported by Johnson that financial resolution No. 5241.5 - Authorizing the payroll dated April 27, 2017 in the amount of \$113,243.93, checks #49038 through #49042 and direct deposits #26787 through #26853; and the payroll dated May 11, 2017 in the amount of \$106,802.12 checks #49043 through #49047 and direct deposits #26854 through #26921; and the bills dated April 24, 2017 through May 22, 2017 in the amount of \$2,586,016.00, checks #98998 through #99198 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,266,952.05 be adopted and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for the April 24, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French stated there were no injuries reported for the month.

Item 7 (a) – Mr. French gave a Cedar Condos Water Main Update informing the Commission that the project has started per Commission approval and will be completed before the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue paving project gets underway.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French recommended Commission approval for six plant millwrights to attend GPM Pump Training. A motion was made by Marks and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (b) – Mr. French informed the Commission of the upcoming MMUA Summer Conference stating the Commission typically approves the attendance for any interested Commission member as well as Mr. French and Mr. Hafdahl. He stated while we are still waiting on information, the conference will be held around the 20<sup>th</sup> of August in Brainerd and anyone interested should let him know. A motion was made by Johnson and supported by Culbert to approve the cost of anyone interested in attending. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (c) – Mr. French recommended the Commission approve the retirement notice for Dan Asp. He stated Dan, a plant operator, has been a great employee for 30 years. A motion was made by Marks and supported by Culbert to approve the notice and payout benefits as earned. Motion carried unanimously. President Raplinger asked Mr. French to thank Dan, on behalf of the commission, for his years of service.

Item 9 (a) – Mr. French gave an Operations Update stating the power plant is currently producing 15 MW of energy utilizing the wood and coal boilers. He stated the wood boiler came back online as of May 15<sup>th</sup>, however wood was not introduced until the 19<sup>th</sup> when T/G #6 came up. He informed the commission that the addition of the gas burners allowed us to keep the wood boiler online until T/G #6 was up and we could begin introducing wood. Mr. French also informed the Commission that cranes will be moving onsite within the next month as work will begin on the required 50' stack adjustment for #9 coal boiler per the NAAQS Rule.

Item 9 (b) – Mr. Hafdahl gave a CIP Update reviewing a 2016 Recap received from Energy Insights. Fifteen commercial rebates were issued during the year resulting in a savings of 1.5 million kWh meeting the requirement. Mr. Hafdahl clarified the recap did not include the residential lighting rebates and the energy program managed by AEOA.

Item 9 (c) – No discussion.

A motion to adjourn at 4:03 was made by Marks and supported by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Bill Culbert, Secretary

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Rob Raplinger, President

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Raplinger called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Johnson, Marwick, and Raplinger

Absent: Commissioner Marks

Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Finance Director; Mary Johnson - Supervisor Customer Relations

**Approved**

Item 2 – President Raplinger requested the following additions to the agenda: Approve Resolution #5243 – State Funding of Highway 53 Utilities Gap and Approve LMCIT Liability Coverage Waiver. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Culbert and supported by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 (a) – A motion to approve the Amendment to the Navistar Lease Resolution was made by Culbert and supported by Marwick. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution #5242).

Item 3 (b) – A motion to approve Resolution #5243 – State Funding of Highway 53 Utilities Gap was made by Culbert and supported by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 (c) – A motion to approve the LMCIT Liability Coverage Waiver was made by Culbert and supported by Johnson. Motion carried.

Item 3 (d) – Mr. French briefed the Commission that the Legislature signed the bill containing the LEA/Xcel Legislation securing RDF money. He further noted discussions with Xcel will continue to move forward and all terms & agreements will need final approval by the Minnesota Public Utility Commission which is anticipated to be in place in the fall of 2017.

Item 4 – Motion to adjourn at 2:45 was made by Culbert and supported by Marwick. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Bill Culbert, Secretary

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Rob Raplinger, President