

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, JULY 24, 2017 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission Vice-President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Johnson, Marks and Marwick

Absent: Commissioner Raplinger

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 Marks and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – No appearances.

Item 4 – Mr. French announced that the next LEA Commission meeting is scheduled October 24, 2017 in Hibbing at 4:30 PM.

Item 5 – (a) A motion was made by Marks and supported by Johnson that financial resolution No. 5245 - Authorizing the payroll dated July 6, 2017 in the amount of \$104,860.94, checks #49060 through #49063 and direct deposits #27124 through #27189; and the payroll dated July 20, 2017 in the amount of \$108,586.32 checks #49069 through #49069 and direct deposits #27190 through #27255; and the bills dated June 26, 2017 through July 24, 2017 in the amount of \$1,511,669.69, checks #99445 through #99651 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$414,643.14 be adopted.

Item 5 - (b) and (c) – A motion was made by Culbert and supported by Marks to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the June 26, 2017 and Special Commission Meeting minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 7 (a) – No New Business

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French discussed the Retirement Notice for Bill Morgan stating he'd been a great employee in the plant for 23 years and it was his recommendation that the Commission approve payout of benefits as earned. A motion accept the Notice and payout earned benefits was made by Marks and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9 (a) – Mr. French gave an Operations Update stating the power plant is currently producing 16 MW of energy with both turbine generators off of the wood and coal boilers. He stated the wood boiler was brought offline earlier in the month as a log in the intake structure caused the loss of #6 turbine generator. He also stated there was an issue with the precip power on #9 coal boiler, but the issue had been identified. Discussion was held regarding the planned stack height adjustment for #9 coal boiler, but Mr. French informed the Commission that since the work doesn't need to be done until mid-June 2018, the project is on hold until the Xcel agreement gets finalized. Mr. French also mentioned the lake water temperatures had been averaging 86-87 degrees.

Item 9 (b) – Mr. Hafdahl reminded the Commission that the annual CIP Report was completed at the end of May. He further stated AEOA Weatherization is working with the Utility on the Residential CIP Program and that Energy Insights has continued to work with several commercial customers on rebate qualifying conservation measures.

Item 9 (c) – Commissioner Marwick asked if there was any update on the Electric Car Charging Station. Mr. French stated we were unable to obtain authorization from the property owner of the original site, so we were back to square one in finding a suitable location. He did state we would look for a public location or possibly near a City park.

Item (10) – A motion to adjourn at 4:00 was made by Marks and supported by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President