

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, DECEMBER 28, 2020 AT 3:30 P.M.

Approved

Item 1. - Commission President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

Present: Commissioners Makowsky, Marwick, Petroskey and Teasck
Absent: Commissioner Johnson
Also Present: Greg French - General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Assistant General Manager, Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council

Item 2 – Item 7 (b) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck that financial resolution No. 5300 - Authorizing the payroll dated December 3, 2020 in the amount of \$132,902.89, direct deposits #33242 through #33309; and the payroll dated December 17, 2020 in the amount of \$107,429.75, direct deposits #33310 through #33377; and the bills dated November 23, 2020 through December 28, 2020 in the amount of \$1,205,933.38, checks #109120 through #109371 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,250,124.88; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of November 2020 in the amount of \$448.89 be adopted; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the November 23, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (a) – Mr. French stated there were no injuries reported for the month.

Item 6 – None

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to approve the 2021 budget, with a \$.50/ unit water increase, and to authorize staff to begin discussions on future staffing requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (b) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck to approve the 2020 write-offs. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (c) – Mr. French reviewed the 2021 Coal Contract noting there has been a minimal change in pricing even though VPU's coal needs have decreased significantly. He further recommended the Commission approve the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to approve the 2021 Coal Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French stated VPU is continuing to generate power until Minnesota Power upgrades the #306 breaker, and VPU is comfortable that the #306 feed is stable. He further stated he will get an update on the status of the upgrade when he meets with Minnesota Power next week. Mr. French stated the plant is running the small coal and wood boilers, and is producing approximately 100,000 lbs/hr of steam, and generating 5 megawatts off the small turbine generator. Mr. French did note that there is a fan malfunction in the wood boiler, so the plant is utilizing the gas burners until the repairs are made.

8 (b) – None

Item 9 – President Marwick adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President