

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, JUNE 28, 2021 AT 3:30 P.M.

Approved

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

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Makowsky, Marwick, Petroskey and Teasck
Absent: None
Also Present: Greg French - General Manager; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 (b) – Mr. French asked that Item 7 (c) – 6/25/21 Electric Outage Update be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the amended meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky that financial resolution No. 5307 - Authorizing the payroll dated June 3, 2021 in the amount of \$114,137.06, direct deposits #34111 through #34175; and the payroll dated June 17, 2021 in the amount of \$107,690.80, direct deposits #34176 through #34240; and the bills dated May 24, 2021 through June 28, 2021 in the amount of \$1,498,974.30, checks #110588 through #110805 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,403,066.51; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of May 2021 in the amount of <\$1249.00>; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 5 (b) – Mr. French stated the Committee of the Whole met to discuss the Minnesota Power Electric Service Term Sheet Proposal, and recommended moving forward into the contract phase. A formal motion was made by Commissioner Teasck and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to move forward, with NEMPA, into the contract phase based on the terms and conditions presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 (a) – None

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the travel request for the 3 Servicepersons to attend the MRWA Water and Wastewater Technical Conference; August 23-26, 2021; St. Cloud, MN. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (b) – Mr. French handed out the 2020 audit reports for the commissioners to review. Acceptance of the 2020 Audit will take place at the July meeting.

Item 7 (c) – Mr. French discussed the June 25th electric outage stating that while Minnesota Power is still investigating the occurrence, it is apparent at this time, that the issue occurred on the MP delivery side of the substation. As a result of the occurrence, 2 of 3 phases of power were lost which resulted in 4-5 small fires due to the surge. Mr. French stated VPU crews responded as quickly as possible. He further suggested customers having issues resulting from the outage should contact their insurance companies. Additionally, he advised those customers to talk with a master electrician about surge protection moving forward.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French stated VPU is creating 40,000 lbs/hr of steam with #7 coal boiler. He further stated the start-up on the package boiler has been moved out to September due to delivery issues with parts. The project has been progressing as parts are received. Mr. French also gave an update on repairs to the water line, under the Highway 53 bridge, stating VPU is waiting for MNDOT to approve the permit. Once the permit is approved, VPU will begin the bidding process for the platform work. Finally, Mr. French stated the MNOPS inspectors were onsite to perform the annual gas audit.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included siding missing on the North wall of the plant.

Item 9 – A motion was made by Commissioner Makowsky and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to adjourn at 3:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President