

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, AUGUST 22, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

Approved

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 – Commissioner Marwick requested the addition of Item 6 (c) – Mesabi Range College Steam Conversion Incentive be added 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) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Teasck and supported by Commissioner Petroskey that financial resolution No. 5323 - Authorizing the payroll dated July 28, 2022 in the amount of \$97,425.75, direct deposits #35948 through #36005; and the payroll dated August 11, 2022 in the amount of \$98,219.07, direct deposits #36006 through #36083; and the bills dated July 25, 2022 through August 22, 2022 in the amount of \$859,110.49, checks #113428 through #113601 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$251,374.62; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$2210.93; to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting; and to approve Resolution #5326 – Update Signature Card – Frandsen Bank & Trust Accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #5324 – Natural Gas Critical Pricing Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 (b) – Mr. French stated the Executive Committee awarded the 3rd Street N Water Project bid, in the amount of \$158,620, to Utility Systems of America of Eveleth, MN.

Item 6 (c) – The Commission discussed the need to clarify the verbiage used for the \$200,000 awarded to Mesabi Community College contingent upon their converting off of steam by October 31, 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck to change the July minutes to reflect the funds are an incentive and not a grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (a) – Mr. French stated that all investments are currently made through RBC, but the Utility would like to add LPL (agent is Frandsen Bank) as a secondary company. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #5325 – Authorization of Additional Investment Firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the new boiler has been producing approximately 10,000 lbs/hr of steam with no issues. He also stated crews have begun flushing and winterizing fire hydrants.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included the well in the plant that is now being utilized to feed the RO system.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President