

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, NOVEMBER 28, 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; Cassandra Belak – Director of Finance; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck to approve financial resolution No. 5330 - Authorizing the payroll dated November 3, 2022 in the amount of \$96,117.36, direct deposits #36334 through #36387; and the payroll dated November 17, 2022 in the amount of \$94,874.10, direct deposits #36388 through #36440; and the bills dated October 24, 2022 through November 23, 2022 in the amount of \$1,794,054.52, checks #113980 through #114175 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,218,455.60; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of October 2022 in the amount of (\$33,888.35); and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the October 24, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (a) – Mr. French stated there was one injury reported for the month resulting in no restrictions or lost time.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French gave a LEA asset update stating VPU is still wanting to sell its share of the assets by June 2023. He stated the property in Orr sold at asking price with both VPU and HPU receiving ½ of the total sale price, less closing costs and applicable fees.

Item 6 (b) – Mr. French gave a Mesabi Community College Steam update stating he requested Otto Maki contact the College to see where things were at with their conversion plans. Otto will meet with the College and forward an update from that meeting. Mr. French stated he would keep the Commission informed.

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the travel request for three Customer Servicepersons/Meter Technicians to attend MMUA’s Meter School; February 7-10, 2023; in Marshall, MN. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (b) – A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to move the December commission meeting to the 28th at 3:30. Motion carried unanimously. There was additional discussion regarding the possibility of a Committee of the Whole meeting ½ hour prior to the regular meeting and another on December 13th at 3:00pm as well.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the plant has been producing about 46,000 lbs/hr off #10 boiler while #7 coal boiler was down for tube leak repairs. He further stated #7 coal boiler will be brought back online today. Mr. French also informed the Commission that Waschke’s Auto Plaza is putting in an EV charging station and VPU is working with them to bring in power.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included gas pricing for the upcoming heating season.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President