

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, JANUARY 23, 2023 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; Liz Motley – Virginia City Council; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – A motion was made by Commissioner Teasck and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to approve the 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 to approve financial resolution No. 5332 - Authorizing the payroll dated December 29, 2022 in the amount of \$98,816.11, direct deposits #36546 through #36597; and the payroll dated January 12, 2023 in the amount of \$98,930.62, direct deposits #36598 through #36648; and the bills dated December 27, 2022 through January 20, 2023 in the amount of \$1,013,723.90, checks #114341 through #114449 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,067,356.97; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$3,119.88; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the December 28, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French requested the Commission make a formal motion for VPU to send a notice letter to Mesabi Community College regarding the deadline to convert off of steam. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck that the letter be reviewed by the Commission first, and then sent to Mesabi Community College providing a reminder of the October 31, 2024 conversion deadline, as well as the \$200,000 incentive if the conversion is completed by October 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #5333 – Update Small Tariff Rates for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the plant has been producing about 50,000 lbs/hr of steam off #10 gas boiler. He further stated water is being added to the new boiler to ensure it is water tight, and that the State Inspector is onsite to complete the boiler inspection. Mr. French stated he is hopeful the plant will be producing steam off of both package boilers by the next commission meeting.

Item 8 (b) – None

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President