

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

Approved

Present: Commissioners Baribeau, Johnson, Makowsky, Marwick, and Petroskey
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 1 (a) – President Marwick stated the Commission had discussed the election of officers, and came to the following consensus: Commissioner Marwick for the office of President, Commissioner Makowsky for the office of Vice-President, and Commissioner Petroskey for the office of Secretary. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Baribeau to approve the appointments as presented by Commissioner Marwick. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 – Mr. French requested the addition of Item 6 (b) – LEA Asset Update be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to approve the amended meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve financial resolution No. 5334 - Authorizing the payroll dated January 26, 2023 in the amount of \$98,347.23, direct deposits #36649 through #36699; and the payroll dated February 9, 2023 in the amount of \$89,896.60, direct deposits #36700 through #36750; and the payroll dated February 23, 2023 in the amount of \$96,031.37, direct deposits #36751 through #36801; and the bills dated January 23, 2023 through February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$1,396,491.61, checks #114450 through #114644 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$3,389,887.15; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$6,143.55; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the January 23, 2023 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 stated Mesabi Community College is moving ahead with engineering firm, The Design Group, but has not responded to VPU's letter 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.

Item 6 (b) – Mr. French gave a LEA Asset update stating the HPU Commission will be meeting this Thursday, and is likely to approve the purchase of VPU's share (½) of LEA's assets. He stated it's looking like the approval will be in the \$700K range as previously discussed.

Item 7 (a) – None

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating both of the new package boilers have been running well, and are producing about 58,000 – 65,000 lbs/hr of steam depending on the fluctuating temps. He further stated the plant has moved to a one-man operations crew for afternoon and night shifts.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included recent water breaks, and the status of purchasing iPads for the Commission.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President