

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, MARCH 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 2 – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Baribeau 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 Johnson to approve financial resolution No. 5335 - Authorizing the payroll dated March 9, 2023 in the amount of \$88,207.93, direct deposits #36802 through #36851; and the payroll dated March 23, 2023 in the amount of \$85,977.50, direct deposits #36852 through #36901; and the bills dated February 27, 2023 through March 24, 2023 in the amount of \$1,360,057.59, checks #114645 through #114788 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,982,601.00; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$4,489.84 and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French discussed the letter VPU received from the HPU Commission expressing their intent to purchase VPU's share of the remaining LEA assets. Mr. French requested the Commission make a motion allowing himself, and President Marwick to move forward with the process. He stated they would be looking for a buyout amount of \$700K - \$750K as previously discussed, and would have VPU's attorneys review the purchase agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Baribeau allowing Mr. French, and President Marwick to move forward with the process. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. French stated VPU wants the purchase to be finalized by June 30, 2023, and will bring the purchase agreement before the Commission for approval.

Item 6 (b) – Mr. French discussed the letter VPU received from Dave Marshall, Director of Facilities for Minnesota North College, confirming their intent to have a new boiler system installed by October 31, 2023, and to take advantage of the \$200K incentive.

Item 6 (c) – Mr. French gave an update on the Malone Hall demo project. He stated a purchase requisition, in the amount of \$100K, has been signed for asbestos abatement. He further stated everything is on track for the demo to be completed this year.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating both of the new package boilers have been running well, and are producing about 55,000 – 60,000 lbs/hr of steam.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included commissioner availability for the April 2023 meeting.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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James Petroskey, Secretary

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Jeff Marwick, President