

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 24, 2025 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:40 P.M.

Approved

Present: Commissioners Hale, Johnson, Makowsky, Marwick and Petroskey
Absent: None
Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Cassandra Belak – Director of Finance; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Representatives – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – A motion was made by Commissioner Hale 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 Johnson to approve financial resolution No. 5364 - Authorizing the payroll dated March 6, 2025 in the amount of \$84,596.64, direct deposits #39134 through #39175; and the payroll dated March 20, 2025 in the amount of \$81,354.88, direct deposits #39176 through #39217; and the bills dated February 24, 2025 through March 21, 2025 in the amount of \$981,311.59, checks #118213 through #118335 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,733,553.92; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of February 2025 in the amount of <\$40,626.93>; and the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – None

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to accept the retirement notice of John Hahne, retiring with 29 years of service, and approve the payout of benefits as earned. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (b) – Mr. French stated bids for the project to relocate the Progress Parkway gas main will open April 8th. He is hoping to have a recommendation of award to bring before the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the plant has been running approximately 37,000 lbs/hr of steam utilizing one package boiler and alternating between boiler #1 and #2 every two weeks. He gave a steam conversion update stating VPU has 48 new gas applications in hand leaving approximately 44 services left to be done by the October 31, 2026 deadline. He added that information regarding the conversion and pending deadline will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Finally, he stated that VPU has been told the hospital boiler project is currently out for bids. Mr. French stated that one of the power plant operators secured other employment, so Sprung Services will be providing temporary operators beginning in April through the October 2026 closure. He added that VPU posted for the position both internally and externally but there were no hits. Mr. French stated that information about the impact of Canadian tariffs will also be included in the upcoming newsletter. He stated Minnesota Power expects the surcharge for electric rates to be negligible. He added VPU does purchase a small amount of gas from the Great Lakes Northern Pipeline, but with the hedging that is done he is not expecting the impact to be significant.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included recent water breaks, the EPA reporting which Mr. French stated he would update on at the next meeting, and the national discussion about fluoride in drinking water. Mr. French stated that VPU contracts with People Service for testing and remains in compliance with State regulations.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bruce Johnson, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President