

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 26, 2026 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

Approved

Present: Commissioners Hale, Henderson, Makowsky and Marwick  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Cassandra Belak – Finance Director; Aaron Asleson – Distribution Director; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 (a) - A motion was made by Commissioner Makowsky and supported by Commissioner Hale to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 (a) - None

Item 4 (a) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to approve financial resolution No. 5375 – Authorizing the payroll dated December 24, 2025 in the amount of \$72,202.49, direct deposits #39971 through #40006 and the payroll dated January 08, 2026 in the amount of \$75,210.03, direct deposits #40007 through #40042 and the payroll dated January 22, 2026 in the amount of \$72,729.16, direct deposits #40043 through #40078; and the bills dated December 22, 2025 through January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$1,334,243.69, checks #119601 through #119738 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,172,663.62; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$5,986.45; and the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the December 22, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – None

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Hale and supported by Commissioner Makowsky approving the travel request for Supervisor – SWG and up to 3 servicepersons to attend the Ferguson Academy Training; February 3-4, 2026; Blaine, MN. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and supported by Commissioner Makowsky approving the travel request for Supervisor – SWG and up to 3 servicepersons to attend the MRWA Water Conference; March 2-5, 2026; St. Cloud, MN. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (c) – A motion was made by Commissioner Hale and supported by Commissioner Makowsky approving Resolution #5376 – Update Small Tariff Rates for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (d) – Mr. French briefly discussed the 2025 Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Source Water Assessment stating it was last completed approximately 15 years ago. MDH had it updated to identify any new potential contamination sources that may have resulted from the Highway 53 bridge and mining that are in close proximity to our intake in the Mesabi Mtn. Pit.

Item 8 (a) - Mr. French gave an operations update stating delivery of the Distribution Center Building has been postponed to the end of February/early March. Additionally, he stated the plant has been running 48,000 lb/hr on average, up to a peak of 60,000 depending the weather. The plant is still utilizing one package boiler and alternating between boiler #1 and #2 every two weeks. He further stated that on January 22<sup>nd</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Utility had 6 gas regulators freeze up. Two service crews responded, working through the night, to change those regulators; Since then there have been no issues. Mr. French also informed the Commission that there was a gas explosion in Willow River that resulted in lowered system pressures which in addition to the severe cold temperatures will cause an increase in spot gas prices. Lastly, Mr. French stated staff is currently looking at 2 companies that provide 24 phone coverage; He will update the Commission once the process is further along.

Item 8 (b) – None

A motion was made by Commissioner Hale and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to adjourn at 3:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Garrison Hale, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President