

November 15, 2022

Secretary Elizabeth Spencer called the monthly meeting of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Walt Gander, David Eibner and Elizabeth Spencer.

Excused Absence: Jeff Hyslop and Ron Kressin.

Others in attendance: Mike Sanborn, Robin Ginner and John Laszczkowski.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by David Eibner to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by David Eibner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Elizabeth Spencer to approve payment of the accounts payable bills. Roll call vote: Walt Gander, aye; Elizabeth Spencer, aye; David Eibner, aye; Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Elizabeth Spencer to approve October electronic payments/manual checks. Roll call vote: Walt Gander, aye; Elizabeth Spencer, aye; David Eibner, aye; Carried.

Secretary Elizabeth Spencer opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: No additional comments or discussion.

Secretary Elizabeth Spencer opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts was not present, but provided an ESM report.

John Laszczkowski briefly discussed financial activities through October. Currently, no department is in a deficit, but net income levels are down from last year. Future discussions will consider authorized rate of returns and potential rate studies. We contacted Mallory Kleven at WPPI and arranged for an electric rate analysis in the 1st quarter of 2023. Based on significant cost pressure within the industry, the concern is that the backlog at the PSC will grow in 2023. Our goal is to be prepared to file a rate case. On the water utility, we will wait to see the result of 2022 before we proceed. Lastly, KerberRose is still attempting to complete the 2021 audit.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, including an update on the delivery & increased cost of the truck from Parsons.

Approval of the SEH Water Tower Maintenance Agreement Change Order for \$5,775 to replace the mud valve during the 2025 water tower reconditioning project. After a brief discussion, motion by Walt Gander and second by David Eibner to approve the change order for \$5,775 to replace the mud valve during the 2025 water tower reconditioning project. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Eibner, aye; Spencer, aye. Carried.

Renegotiate the AT&T Lease Agreement for the use of the water tower property for their communication equipment. After a brief update from Mike Sanborn, no action required.

Approval to order 400 Honeywell water meter radio modules and related equipment for \$34,944. After a brief discussion regarding lead times & rising costs, motion by Walt Gander and second by David Eibner to approve ordering 400 Honeywell water meter radio modules and related equipment for up to \$50,000. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Eibner, aye; Spencer, aye. Carried.

Approval to order Badger water meter equipment – 400 water meter tops and 150 water meters for \$43,000. After a brief discussion regarding lead times & rising costs, motion by Walt Gander and second by David Eibner to approve ordering 400 Badger water meter tops and 150 Badger water meters for up to \$50,000. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Eibner, aye; Spencer, aye. Carried.

Approval to expand the Lineman scholarship to students of Three Lakes. After a discussion, no action taken

Approval to update the signature card on our main operating account to include Walt Gander and remove Elizabeth Spencer. After a brief discussion, motion by Elizabeth Spencer and second by David Eibner to approve updating the signature on our main operating account to include Walt Gander and remove Elizabeth Spencer. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by David Eibner to adjourn at 1:35 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
