

December 20, 2022

President Jeff Hyslop called the monthly meeting of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Motion by Elizabeth Spencer, second by Walt Gander to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Ron Kressin to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

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

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

President Jeff Hyslop opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: Discussion and clarification on attending the APPA Legislative Rally. John indicated that, based on the review letter from the USDA, he has started pursuing banking options for our custodial credit risk. No additional comments or discussion.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts updated the Commission on customers that he is actively involved with on energy audits, conservation programs and billing classes. Additional discussion on WPPI's Annual Meeting and the Legislative Rally in Washington D.C. Lastly, brief discussion regarding the challenges of the growing EV market and an EV rate tariff update.

John Laszczkowski briefly discussed financial activities through November. Overall, the utility is continuing to have a steady year but continues to feel the effects of rising costs. Based on the budget action items on the agenda, no further financial discussions on the 2022 financials.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, including an overview on potential projects for 2023 and an anticipation closing date of June 2023 for the Wastewater Treatment project.

Approval of 2023 employment contract for Mike Sanborn/Utility Manager.

The only change for 2023 is a wage increase of 5%. Motion by Elizabeth Spencer and second by Ron Kressin to approve the 2023 employment contract for Mike Sanborn. Roll call vote: Spencer, aye; Kressin, aye; Eibner, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Approval of wage increase for the Light & Water Employees.

Motion by Elizabeth Spencer and second by Walt Gander to approve a wage increase of 5% for the Light & Water Employees. Roll call vote: Spencer, aye; Gander, aye; Kressin, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Review and approval of Electric Utility Budget for 2023.

After a detailed discussion, motion by Walt Gander and second by Elizabeth Spencer to approve the Electric Utility Budget for 2023. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Spencer, aye; Kressin, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Review and approval of Water Utility Budget for 2023.

After a detailed discussion, motion by Walt Gander and second by Elizabeth Spencer to approve the Water Utility Budget for 2023. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Spencer, aye; Kressin, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Review and approval of Sewer Utility Budget for 2023.

After a detailed discussion, motion by Walt Gander and second by Elizabeth Spencer to approve the Sewer Utility Budget for 2023. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Spencer, aye; Kressin, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Approval to purchase a 1,000-gallon double walled diesel fuel tank for \$7,983.40 through Hicks Fuel and Oil.

After discussion and clarifications, motion by Elizabeth Spencer and second by Ron Kressin to approve purchase of a 1,000-gallon double walled diesel tank for \$7,983.40 from Hicks Fuel and Oil. Roll call vote: Spencer, aye; Kressin, aye; Gander, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Approval to allow the fire department to use one of our 1-ton plow trucks for preparing the pond hockey site. Motion by Elizabeth Spencer and second by Walt Gander to approve allowing the fire department to use one of our 1-ton plow trucks for preparing the pond hockey site. Carried.

Motion by Elizabeth Spencer, second by David Eibner to adjourn at 2:55 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
