

March 21, 2023

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

Roll Call: Ron Kressin, Dan Grosskopf, David Eibner and Walt Gander.

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

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Ron Kressin to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Ron Kressin, second by Dan Grosskopf to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

After brief discussion regarding the Elster Solutions invoice, motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Ron Kressin to approve payment of the accounts payable bills. Roll call vote: Dan Grosskopf, aye; Ron Kressin, aye; David Eibner, aye; Walt Gander, aye; Carried.

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

Walt Gander opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: No additional comments or discussion.

Walt Gander 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. Jesse distributed and discussed Focus on Energy's report of Summary of Incentives through March 20, 2023. Our incentives have already exceeded the amount we will contribute for the year. Additional discussion on Jesse's email challenges with the first round of quarterly commercial newsletters.

John Laszczkowski briefly discussed financial activities through February. It was a light accounts payable month, but, it still appears that rate adjustments will be necessary to offset some of the increasing inflationary pressures. Our customer sales continue to be consistent and the power cost adjustment was minimal this time. Our past due accounts are slightly up from last year at about \$22,650, which is still a manageable 5% of our present aging. Lastly, the field work on the audit was completed by CLA and the new relationship is off to a strong start.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, which included the leachate situation, Minnesota line project and a regulator issue at our Nicolet substation.

Approval to purchase 4 reels (22,630 feet) of .336 overhead wire from Florence Utility for \$15,388.40.

After a discussion regarding alternative uses, motion by Ron Kressin and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve the purchase of 22,630 feet of .336 overhead wire from Florence Utility for \$15,388.40. Roll call vote: Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Eibner, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Appoint Walt Gander as Secretary of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission.

Motion by Ron Kressin and second by Dave Eibner to appoint Walt Gander as Secretary of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission. Carried.

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Ron Kressin to adjourn at 1:40 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
