

June 20, 2023

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

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

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Dan Grosskopf to approve the agenda. Carried.

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

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

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

President Jeff Hyslop opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: No additional comments or discussion.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for discussion of staff reports:

Presentation by Nicole Guld on the proposed rate application. Detailed discussion and overview on the steps in the process. Detailed review of the utility revenue requirement, suggested rate changes by customer type and the cost of service study results. Ken Anderson entered the meeting. The proposed rate adjustment is 6.51%, which generates a revenue increase of \$242,024. The PSC will audit the proposal and decide on the final rate design along with the final rate change. Our last adjustment was 7.47% and effective March 2021. Everyone thanked Nicole for the presentation.

Accepting and filing of Electric Rate Application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. After a discussion, motion by David Eibner and second by Ron Kressin to accept and file the electric rate application with the PSC. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Kressin, aye; Gander, aye; Grosskopf, aye. Carried.

Jesse Roberts updated the Commission on results from the June business newsletter. Jesse discussed customers that he is actively involved with on energy audits, conservation programs and billing classes. Lastly, he mentioned that WPPI just launched a survey to its members focusing on key service areas. Mike added that Jesse is doing a great job for us.

John Laszczkowski briefly discussed financial activities through May. Another light accounts payable month helped all three utilities. Our customer sales continue to be consistent and the power cost impact was minimal again this time. Due to our disconnection notices starting in April, our past due accounts have dropped lower to \$8,300 and only represent 2% of our receivables. We had two disconnections in May and both have been subsequently reconnected.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, which included a PFAS update.

Approval to recommend to the City Council to remove from Sec. 90-161. Use of the Public Sewers ordinance sub section (n).

After a brief discussion, motion by Walt Gander and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve recommending to the City Council to remove from Sec. 90-161, Use of the Public Sewers ordinance sub section (n). Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Eibner, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Approval of MSA’s option #2 to replace the torque tube and sleeve for \$33,881 on the malfunctioning clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant.

After a discussion, motion by David Eibner and second by Ron Kressin to approve MSA’s option #2 to replace the torque tube and sleeve on the malfunctioning clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant for up to and not to exceed \$40,000. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Kressin, aye; Gander, aye; Grosskopf, aye. Carried.

Approval of the MEUW out of State Mutual Aid Policy.

After a brief discussion, motion by Dan Grosskopf and second by Walt Gander to approve the MEUW out of State Mutual Aid Policy. Roll call vote: Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye; Eibner, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Motion by David Eibner, second by Ron Kressin to adjourn at 2:06 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
