

July 18, 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 and Ron Kressin.

Excused absence: David Eibner

Others in attendance: Jake Oelke, Mike Sanborn, Robin Ginner, Ken Anderson and John Laszczkowski.

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

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Ron Kressin 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; Ron Kressin, aye; Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Dan Grosskopf to approve June electronic payments/manual checks. Roll call vote: Walt Gander, aye; Dan Grosskopf, 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 Jake Oelke (VP, Energy Services WPPI Energy) on Leading with Purpose. Jake provided a detailed overview on WPPI's current business and market position and how it relates to its 51 members. Jake answered questions on WPPI's diverse energy portfolio and how they achieve cost stability in an ever-changing marketplace. Everyone thanked Jake for the presentation. John Laszczkowski briefly discussed financial activities through June. Through public benefits, we provided \$95 bill credits to 70 customers totaling \$6,650. Consecutive light accounts payable months are helping 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 to a low \$4,900 and now only represent 1.2% of our receivables. Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, which included a Crane Engineering update on the clarifier repair cost.

Approval to purchase an order of new utility poles for an estimated \$23,884.78.

After a discussion, motion by Dan Grosskopf and second by Ron Kressin to approve purchase of 41 red pine utility poles for up to and not to exceed \$28,000. Roll call vote: Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Approval to share employees with other MEUW or WPPI members as needed.

After a discussion, motion by Walt Gander and second by Ron Kressin to approve sharing employees with other MEUW or WPPI members as needed, with Mike Sanborn monitoring the arrangement. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye. Carried.

Approval to purchase a new bucket truck for \$315,214.

After a detailed discussion regarding the age of the current bucket truck of 21 years and long lead time of expected delivery of December 2025, motion by Ron Kressin and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve purchase of a new bucket truck for up to and not to exceed \$330,000. Roll call vote: Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Accepting and filing of a Simplified Water Rate Application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

After a detailed discussion on our last rate increase in May 2018 and the major water tower maintenance scheduled for 2025, motion by Ron Kressin and second by Dan Grosskopf to accept and file the water rate application with the PSC for an 8% increase. Roll call vote: Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Motion by Ron Kressin, second by Walt Gander to adjourn at 2:25 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
