

November 14, 2023

Secretary Walt Gander called the monthly meeting of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Dan Grosskopf, Ron Kressin and David Eibner. Absent: Jeff Hyslop

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

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; Carried.

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

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

Secretary 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 also discussed the current EV grant program starting in Jan., year-end donations to local organizations and the net metering of renewables. Lastly, Jesse gave an update on the quarterly newsletter and the current email success rate of 68%.

John Laszczkowski discussed financial activities through October. Consecutive light accounts payable months are helping all three utilities and cash flow has been strong and stable. Going into the winter moratorium months, our customer aging is in great shape. We have updated and tested the new water rates in our billing system, which are effective with November usage. We have a public hearing scheduled with the PSC on December 12 at 1:00pm for our electric rate case. We are still waiting on final PSC approval for our new bucket truck, but expect a decision by month-end. Lastly, based on my recent medical leaves I have many people to be thankful for at work - Mike, Robin and Becky: for taking care of the October meeting during my absence.

Cindy: for making my return to the office so painless, she did more than I'll ever know.

Robin, Becky & Cory: for their great assistance with the USDA closing on the WWTP project.

Mike Sanborn discussed the recent USDA closing and the extended time and scope of this three-year project.

**Approval of SEH proposal for assistance with communication carrier's removal/reinstallation of equipment in regards to the 2025 water tower project.**

After a discussion, motion by David Eibner and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve the SEH proposal, not to exceed \$16,000, for assistance with communication carrier's removal/installation of equipment during the water tower restoration project. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

**PFAS class action settlement recommendation to the City Council-DuPont.**

After an update from Mike Sanborn and further discussion, motion by Ron Kressin and second by Dan Grosskopf to recommend to the City Council that we stay in the settlement. Roll call vote: Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

**AT&T Water Tower Lease buyout.**

After discussion, no action was taken on the AT&T Water Tower Lease buyout.

**Approval to purchase 500 Honeywell radio modules and backplates for water meters at an estimated \$58,000.**

After a discussion regarding significant lead time challenges, motion by Dan Grosskopf and second by David Eibner to approve purchase of 500 Honeywell radio modules and backplates for water meters, as necessary to complete the AMI project. Roll call vote: Grosskopf, aye; Eibner, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Motion by Ron Kressin, second by Dan Grosskopf to adjourn at 2:12 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski  
Recording Secretary

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