

May 21, 2024

Secretary 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, David Eibner, Dan Grosskopf and Walt Gander. Absent: Jeff Hyslop.

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

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

Secretary Walt Gander opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: Briefly discussed the upcoming orientation to WPPI, along with WPPI's typical bill comparison between Eagle River Light & Water vs. the investor-owned utilities in the State.

Secretary Walt Gander opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts handed out and discussed where our customers are, year to date, with Focus on Energy totals thus far. He also mentioned WPPI Energy is in the process of doing a residential satisfaction survey with this year's results providing information specific to us from our customers surveyed. There was also a brief discussion on the energy capacity trade that WPPI secured with Manitoba Hydro.

There was some discussion about financial activity and the need to address a wastewater rate increase taking into consideration the lack of leachate revenue from the landfill along with wastewater operator succession planning. There was also discussion on another simplified water rate case. The PSC's allowable rate for this type of increase this year is 4.1%, which at the earliest could be implemented in November 2024.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, including the highlight of Cindy Franz's 30 years of dedicated, exceptional service to the Utility.

Approval to have MSA Engineering upgrade our GIS mapping system to the new “Experience Builder” platform for \$3,100.00.

After a brief discussion, motion by David Eibner and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve having MSA Engineering upgrade our GIS mapping system to the new “Experience Builder” platform for \$3,100. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Approval to have Forster Engineering update our electrical GIS system maps and switching maps for \$5,500.

After a brief discussion a motion by David Eibner and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve having Forster Engineering upgrade and update our electrical GIS system maps and switching maps for \$5,500. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Motion by David Eibner, second by Dan Grosskopf to adjourn at 1:39 P.M. Carried.

Mike Sanborn
Recording Secretary
