

September 17, 2024

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: Walt Gander, David Eibner and Dan Dumas.

Excused absence: Dan Grosskopf.

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

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

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Dan Dumas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

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

Motion by Jeff Hyslop, second by Walt Gander to approve August's electronic payments/manual checks. Roll call vote: Jeff Hyslop, aye; Walt Gander, aye; Dan Dumas, aye; David Eibner, aye; Carried.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: Mike Sanborn discussed in further detail the water testing results at well #2 and project updates for the Riverdale development. Lastly, Cindy Franz will be receiving the Shining Star award at WPPI's annual meeting. No additional comments or discussion.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts discussed and gave an overview of current and future WPPI and Focus on Energy programs for residential customers, including surveys and home rebates. Lastly, included with our last utility bills were Public Power week raffle inserts. This always increases office foot traffic and only customers in good standings are eligible to win.

John Laszczkowski briefly discussed financial activities for August. The electric utility continues to benefit from an improved profit margin this year. The water utility received its annual AT&T water tower rent payment, which includes a 2% escalator. With MSA's assistance, the sewer utility rates will be analyzed and compared to other similar-sized utilities. On the accounts receivable side, our past due accounts dropped to \$3,602 and incredibly represents only .7% of our receivables. Next month, we will be issuing tax letters to any delinquent accounts before we transfer that debt to property tax bills as utility liens. Lastly, our cash position remains stable and manageable.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in further detail along with an update on the water tower restoration options for Vilas County.

Approval to hire a new Journeyman or Apprentice Lineman.

After a discussion regarding advertising options and confirming the use of Walt Gander and David Eibner in the interview process, motion by Walt Gander and second by Dan Dumas to approve hiring a new Journeyman or Apprentice Lineman. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Dumas, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Dan Dumas to adjourn at 1:37 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
