

November 19, 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: Dan Dumas, Walt Gander, Dan Grosskopf and David Eibner.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Walt Gander to approve October's electronic payments/manual checks. Roll call vote: Dan Grosskopf, 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: Brief discussion regarding WPPI's survey results and their depth reflected in the organization chart for the technology services provided by WPPI. No additional comments or discussion.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts discussed WPPI's survey results in greater detail. Clearly, the members are very pleased with the services, expertise and value provided by WPPI's staff. Jesse & Mike mentioned the photo opportunity for the selected local donations made by WPPI through Jesse. Lastly, Jesse discussed the year-end Focus on Energy results as well as what programs/incentives can be expected in the near future.

John Laszczkowski discussed financial activities for October. The electric utility is doing well with the improved margin provided by this year's rate increase. Part of the increase was to make sure we had enough liquidity to support the repayment of the 1.1-million-dollar loan on the 4 electric projects (bucket truck, transformer, W Pine substation and Division St overhead line) from a few years ago. The water utility is stable and will benefit from a 4.1% increase, which is effective with the November usage. The recent annual water rate increases should allow the utility the ability to repay the eventual loan on the upcoming water tower restoration in 2025. The City Council approved an 8% increase for the sewer utility, effective with January usage. In November, we transferred approx. \$1,700 of delinquent utilities to owners as liens on their property tax bills. This is an incredible figure considering the three utilities have combined annual revenue of 5 million dollars. Lastly, in December we will review our annual budgets for 2025.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in further detail, along with an update on the variety of work being done in town with Frontier and the amount of utility work around town which has kept the crew plenty busy.

Approval to replace the current transformers at the Nicolet City Substation T1, ER 1 reclosers for \$7,764.00 plus testing costs.

After a discussion regarding the history and issues with a different brand, motion by Dan Grosskopf and second by Walt Gander to approve the purchase of reclosers for \$7,764.00 plus testing cost to be determined by G&W Electric. Roll call vote: Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye; Dumas, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Approval to change the Light & Water crew and Manager's working hours to 4-10-hour days per week on a rotating basis.

After a discussion regarding the proposal provided by Mike Sanborn, motion by Walt Gander and second by Dan Dumas to approve the change in working hours for the Light & Water crew and Manager to 4-10-hour days, on a trial basis, starting in 2025. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Dumas, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Eibner, aye. Carried.

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Walt Gander to adjourn at 1:30 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
