

May 20, 2025

President Debra Brown called the monthly meeting of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Dan Dumas, David Eibner, Walt Gander and Dan Grosskopf.

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

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

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Walt Gander 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; Dan Dumas, aye; David Eibner, aye; Carried.

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

President Debra Brown opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: Discussion on the bill comparison summary and how we fare against WPS in the different rate classes. Brief discussion on the positive USDA letters and their involvement /monitoring of our operations because of our long-term revenue bonds with them. Discussion on the year-end audit report from CLA and how our significant depreciation impacts the financials. In addition, the sewer utility continues to be a challenge for us – as it has been for some time now. Lastly, Mike provided updated information on AT&T and their current interest in an updated lease agreement. No additional comments or discussion.

President Debra Brown opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts updated the Commission on the continued planning of the next National Night Out event, results of the free packs promotion by Focus on Energy and the upcoming customer survey by WPPI.

John Laszczkowski briefly discussed how our audit fees have remained stable over the years and the solid relationship we have with CLA. Due to recent office vacations, April financials were not ready in time for this meeting. Lastly, the residential disconnections season continues to be rather uneventful except we have noticed a push-back from the state regarding the availability of crisis funds. We have actively reminded our customers over the years that funding levels and qualification are out of our control and may vary greatly from season to season.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, including the water tower refurbishing project delay, PFAS sludge testing, televising of our sewer lines and the recent electrical flash occurrence at the Industrial Park.

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

After a discussion, motion by David Eibner and second by Dan Grosskopf to accept and file the water rate application with the PSC for a 3.0% increase. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye; Dumas, aye. Carried.

**Establish Equipment Replacement Account.**

After a detailed discussion regarding our equipment replacement schedule and cash flow expectations, motion by Walt Gander and second by Dan Dumas to establish an equipment replacement account with funding at \$10,000 per month. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Dumas, aye; Eibner, aye; Grosskopf, aye. Carried.

Motion by David Eibner, second by Dan Grosskopf to adjourn at 1:57 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski  
Recording Secretary

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