

October 21, 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 Grosskopf, Walt Gander, Dan Dumas and David Eibner.

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 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; Dan Dumas, aye; David Eibner, aye; Carried.

Motion by Dan Grosskopf, second by Walt Gander to approve September'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: Mike Sanborn provided a brief overview on WPPI's APPA Legislative Rally invitation and information. No additional comments or discussion.

President Debra Brown opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts gave updates on the Public Power Week raffle process and our updating of contact information from the customer submittals. Jesse also provided a current Focus on Energy report through October 20, 2025 and discussed the incentives of the Community Impact Program.

John Laszczkowski discussed financial results through September. At this point, strong year-to-date sales in the electric and water utilities continue to benefit our profitability level. The electric utility will have a rate review with WPPI by June 2026. The water utility rates will be increased by 3% on November 1. The sewer utility remains a significant challenge with no landfill revenue and a growing list of PFAS-related expenses. We will be reviewing another sewer rate increase for 2026. Our receivables continue to have a very low past due percent of just over 1%. Tax lien letters went out on October 15 to customers with delinquent utility balances; giving them until November 15 before it gets placed on the owner's next property tax bill. At this point, our cash position is good and we will continue monitoring it to maintain our debt coverage requirements. Lastly, our training and transition for the utility clerk position is going very well. Cindy Franz is providing excellent training and Jennifer Kennedy is learning quickly and is a great fit for the utility.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, including the completion of the water tower refurbishing project, the Adam's substation work and our meter requirements for the substantial new apartment development.

Motion by Dan Dumas and second by David Eibner to adjourn to Closed Session according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c); Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote: Dumas, aye; Eibner, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

- i. Hiring of a wastewater/water operator.
- ii. Hiring of a lineman.

Motion by David Eibner and second by Dan Dumas to return to open session to act on matters discussed in closed session if any action is needed. Roll call vote: Eibner, aye; Dumas, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander and second by David Eibner to approve starting the process of hiring a lineman. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Eibner, aye; Dumas, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Carried.

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

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
