# Regular Meeting of the Water Works and Lighting Commission Wednesday, February 14, 2024

### There were present:

Commissioner Jay Bemke Commissioner John Bergin Commissioner John Harper Commissioner Rick Merdan

Also in attendance: Jem Brown, Roxanne Gronski, Jeff Kuhn, Josh Elliott, Shawn Reimer, Adam Breunig, Tyler Sneen, Lynn Schroer and Sean Wall.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman John Bergin called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Commissioner Jeff Penzkover was excused from today's meeting.

## 2. Approval, additions or corrections to the minutes of the following meeting

## 2.1 Regular Commission Meeting held January 10, 2024

There was a motion made by Rick Merdan, seconded by Jay Bemke, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on January 10, 2024, and to place them on file. There were no nay votes recorded.

#### 3. Action items

There were no action items presented.

## 4.0 Department updates

## 4.1 Safety Committee Report

The commissioners reviewed and discussed the Safety Coordinator's monthly report. Sean Wall answered questions regarding the recent CPR/First Aid/AED/BBP (Bloodborne Pathogens) training.

## 4.2 Line Superintendent's Report

This report was reviewed and January call-ins and projects were discussed. Josh Elliott answered questions regarding the higher-than-normal call-in number of vehicle accidents.

## 4.3 Water Department Operations Report

This report was reviewed and Adam Breunig answered questions regarding January maintenance water projects.

#### 4.4 Customer Support Supervisor's Report

This report was reviewed and Lynn Schroer answered questions regarding the regulations and procedures for water disconnections.

## 4.5 Director of Finance's Report

This report was reviewed and Jeff Kuhn answered questions regarding the financial statements.

## 4.6 Information System's Administrator's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. In Matt Stormoen's absence Todd Weiler answered questions regarding our new antivirus software.

## 4.7 Conservation Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Shawn Reimer answered questions regarding the on-site energy assessment that was performed at North Shore Health Care. Shawn also stated that WW&LC will once again be participating in the Lincoln High School Reality Check which is a financial simulation for graduating seniors.

#### 4.8 Electrical Engineer's Report

This report was reviewed and was discussed. Tyler Sneen answered questions regarding our transformer inventory.

## 4.9 Director of Engineering & Electric Operations

This report was reviewed and discussed. Todd Weiler answered questions regarding the disposal of the Northern Steel Castings Substation transformer. Todd stated that all the WW&LC equipment at this location has now been removed.

#### 4.10 General Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Jem Brown answered questions regarding various legislative bills that MEUW is continuing to watch such as electric charging vehicles, and the right of first refusal transmission construction. Jem also

answered questions regarding a video conference call he participated in to discuss potential GLU participation in a combined cycle natural gas power plant.

# 5. Review of accounts payables

A listing of all invoices and checks covering January was provided to the commission for review and all questions answered.

## 6. Adjourn

There was a motion made by Rick Merdan, seconded by Jay Bemke, and carried to adjourn at 2:23 PM. There were no nay votes recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Merdan, Secretary