

Regular Meeting of the Water Works and Lighting Commission
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

There were present:

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

Also in attendance: Jem Brown, Roxanne Gronski, Todd Weiler, Dale Scheunemann, Josh Elliott, Matt Stormoen, Jeff Kuhn, Tyler Sneen, Lynn Schroer and Shawn Reimer and Sean Wall.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Nowak called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

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

2.1 Regular Commission Meeting held April 14, 2021

There was a motion made by John Bergin, seconded by John Harper, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on April 14, 2021 and to place them on file. There were no nay votes recorded.

3. Action items

3.1 Review and approve 2020 audit

Director of Finance, Jeff Kuhn introduced Amber Danielski from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA), to present the 2020 audit report. CLA provided an unqualified opinion (a clean audit report) again relating to the accuracy of WWLC's financial reports. After a lengthy discussion and all questions answered, there was a motion made by Rick Merdan, seconded by John Bergin, and carried to accept the 2020 Audit Report as presented by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. No nay votes were recorded.

4.0 Department updates

4.1 Safety Committee Report

The commissioners reviewed the safety committee meeting minutes and the

safety coordinator's monthly report. Sean Wall presented the MEUW's Gold Safety Achievement Award to Electric Line Superintendent Josh Elliott. Achieving the Gold level of the MEUW Safety Award (specific to the electric department) means the department has shown involvement in training and continuous learning (via the Regional Safety Program, as well as the Electric Safety & Training Program) while maintaining a low safety incident rate.

4.2 Line Superintendent's Report

This report was reviewed and April after-hour call-ins were discussed.

4.3 Water Department Operations Report

This report was reviewed and April water projects were discussed.

4.4 Customer Support Supervisor's Report

This report was reviewed and the status of active and inactive accounts receivable for April was discussed.

4.5 Director of Finance's Report

This report was reviewed and the March financial statements were discussed. The commission also discussed bad debt/write off strategies.

4.6 Information System's Administrator's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed.

4.7 Conservation Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed.

4.8 Director of Engineering & Electric Operations

This report was reviewed and discussed. Todd presented the plaque that he just received from APPA for taking first place in the Group B Safety Awards which are given to utilities with the lowest safety incidence rate within your group.

4.9 General Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and the recent GLU Board meeting was discussed. Jem stated that the Board received a presentation from The Energy Authority on the status of our solar RFP. The Board authorized The Energy Authority to conduct and

evaluate the solar responses. GLU received many behind the meter bids but not many large solar farm bids in front of our member's meters. Apparently, the MISO interconnection que is so full of renewables that it is back logged for years, so vendors have no idea when they will be able to construct the projects. This makes bidding on RPP's impossible because they do not know when the resource will be available.

5. Review of accounts payables

A listing of all invoices and checks covering April purchases was provided to the commission for review.

6. Adjourn

There was a motion made by John Bergin, seconded by rick Merdan, and carried to adjourn at 2:01 PM. No nay votes were recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Merdan, Secretary