

WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES - JULY 11, 2022
11:45 AM - WMU AUDITORIUM

The Municipal Utilities Commission (MUC) met in its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 11:45 am in the WMU Auditorium with the following Commissioners present: Bruce DeBlieck, Cole Erickson, Kerry Johnson, Dave Baumgart, Carol Laumer, and Kadar Abdi. Absent was Commissioner Shawn Mueske.

Others present at the meeting were: General Manager John Harren, Finance & Office Services Supervisor Andrea Prekker, IS Coordinator Mike Sangren, Executive Secretary Beth Mattheisen, Staff Electrical Engineer Jeron Smith, Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Marti, City Councilman Michael O'Brien, City Attorney Robert Scott (via teleconference), and WC Tribune Journalist Jennifer Kotila.


The meeting was opened by reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Commission President DeBlieck asking if any revisions were needed to the presented agenda. There being none, a resolution to approve the consent agenda was requested. Following review and discussion, Commissioner Laumer offered a resolution to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Baumgart seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Utilities Commission of the City of Willmar, Minnesota, that the consent agenda be approved as presented which includes:


- ❖ Minutes from the June 27, 2022, Commission meeting; and,
- ❖ Bills represented by vouchers No. 20220879 to No. 20220936 and associated wire transfers inclusive in the amount of \$907,719.27.

Dated this 11th day of July 2022.



President

Attest:



Secretary

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of six ayes and zero nays.

Finance & Office Services Supervisor Prekker presented the Commission with the May 2022 Financial Reports along with a recap of the May 31, 2022 Investment Portfolio, and the May 2022 Cost of Power Report. The data presented included analyses of the Electric, Water, and Combined Divisions. Information contained in the reports reflect operating revenues & expenses, operating income, and retained earnings. Graphs depicting the 2021/2022 monthly year-to-date revenues, expenses, and retained earnings were also included with the financial data.

Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor Marti presented the Commission with the June 2022 Wind Turbine Report. Turbine availabilities for the month of June were at 94.4% (Unit #3) and 88.6% (Unit #4) with a total monthly production of 578,540 kilowatt hours. The 2022 total production through June is 4,975,713 kilowatt hours.

Finance & Office Services Supervisor Prekker presented the Commission with the timeline for the 2023 WMU Budget schedule. The budget process has already begun with a tentative date of September 12th to seek Commission approval of the 2023 WMU Budget.

Staff Electrical Engineer Smith presented the Commission with the Transmission Investment Update. An overview was given of historic data, the Willmar Substation Project, the Priam Substation Project, the Power Plant Substation Project, and anticipated future transmission projects. Costs associated with each project

along with targeted in-service dates were provided. It was further noted that MISO regulates the expenditures and revenue of these transmission investments. Not only do these projects provide positive income, but they also increase the reliability of our transmission system.

General Manager Harren informed the Commission that meetings of both the WMU Labor and Planning Committees would be forthcoming. Tentative future Labor Committee agenda items will include new logo and rate study. Tentative future Planning Committee agenda items will include water treatment plant bond financing, 2023 WMU Budget review, David Turch & Associates agreement, Sprint attachment agreement, and new building. (Harren noted that the need to address financing for the water treatment plant could arise as early as next week for the Planning Committee.)

For information: Upcoming events to note include:

- MRES member tours of Red Rock Hydroelectric Project (Pella, IA): July 20th, and August 18th
- MMUA Summer Conference (Madden's Resort): August 22-24 (DeBlieck/Laumer)
- MRES Municipal Power Leadership Academy: Sept 21-22 (Sioux Falls, SD)

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner DeBlieck offered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion which carried by a vote of six ayes and zero nays, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES


Beth Mattheisen
Executive Secretary

ATTEST:


Carol Laumer, Secretary