

BLACK RIVER FALLS UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2021

Utility Commission President John Lund called a meeting of the Black River Falls Municipal Utility Commission to order on January 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Room at 101 South Second Street. Commissioners in attendance were Jay Eddy, Jeff Amo, Pete Olson, and Don Mathews. Also present was General Manager Casey Engebretson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Eddy to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 regular meeting.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Amo, Olson, and Mathews
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mathews and seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the accounts payable vouchers; CK #37019 - #37098; HC #100468 - #100476) – Totaling \$1,199,683.53.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Amo, Olson, and Mathews
Motion Carried.

Casey Engebretson reviewed the December 2020 arrears.

Casey Engebretson stated that the rare earth chemical from Hawkins continues to show comparable results to the NEO product. Total Phosphorus concentrations are slightly lower and the reduced sludge hauling remains consistent.

Casey Engebretson explained that the Utility has received some complaints about tree trimming, as well as, an increase in landowner requests for tree removal. Casey stated that many requests for tree removal would be more appropriately completed by a private tree service, rather than the Utility. In an effort to educate and bring clarification to customers, a tree trimming standard practice was developed by staff and reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Mathews requested that this standard practice be placed on the February meeting agenda for approval by the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Amo to authorize a \$90.00 Community Contribution Fund donation to the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., through the Black River Falls Fire Department, for the purpose of purchasing educational materials for local schools.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Amo, Olson, and Mathews
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Eddy to adjourn at 4:52 p.m.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Amo, Olson, and Mathews
Motion carried.

Casey Engebretson, General Manager
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