

BLACK RIVER FALLS UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2023

Utility Commission President John Lund called a meeting of the Black River Falls Municipal Utility Commission to order on May 22, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room at 349 South McKinley Street. Commissioners in attendance were Jeff Amo, Jay Eddy, Don Mathews, and Pete Olson. Also present were General Manager Casey Engebretson, Mike Peters (WPPI), and Garrett Aleckson (Banner Journal).

A motion was made by Commissioner Amo and seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023 regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Mathews and seconded by Commissioner Eddy to approve the accounts payable vouchers; CK #41176 - #41248; EP #100724 - #100730 – Totaling \$928,793.04.

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

Casey Engebretson reviewed the April 2023 arrears with the Commission.

Mike Peters, WPPI Energy President and CEO, made a presentation to the Commission entitled “Leading With Purpose”, which outlined WPPI’s 5-year business plan, power supply, services, advocacy, member benefits of WPPI’s joint action model, and issues facing the electric industry.

Casey Engebretson presented information on PFAS and shared the results of the PFAS sampling completed on Wells #3, #4, and #6. Wells #4 and #6 both tested “No Detect” for PFAS compounds. Well #4 tested well below the current WDNR Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) and the Department of Health Services health standard of 20 ppt and hazard index. Six (6) PFAS compounds came back positive, ranging from 0.35 ppt – 1.00 ppt, which is also well below the proposed EPA standard of 4 ppt. Casey will be working with the Jackson County Health and Human Services to communicate with the public.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the Pierce Street project began today. The project will consist of the replacement of valves and the Utility-owned portion of the water service laterals. A letter was sent to customers alerting them to the project and encouraging them to contact a plumber to replace the private portion of the water service lateral at the same time. The project is expected to last 6-8 weeks.

Casey Engebretson presented the Commission with Resolution 2023-1; Compliance Maintenance Resolution, which is required annually by Code NR208.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eddy and seconded by Commissioner Olson to adopt Resolution 2023-1 Compliance Maintenance Resolution.

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

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that he and Kevin LaValley have been reviewing fiber installation applications from Brightspeed.

Casey Engebretson presented the Commission with a sponsorship request from the Jackson County Ag Society (JCAS) for the Jackson County Fair. BRFMU has sponsored the Fair in the past at the Silver Level. The sponsorship provides valuable advertising for BRFMU and results in four (4) free season passes and four (4) grandstand event tickets, which BRFMU offers to customers in a drawing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Amo to approve a Silver Level donation of \$800 to the JCAS.

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

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the Utility will be hosting a Customer Appreciation Lunch from 11-1 on June 27, 2023 at the Utility Operations Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 26, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Mathews and seconded by Commissioner Amo to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Casey Engebretson, General Manager

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