

BLACK RIVER FALLS UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021

Utility Commission President John Lund called a meeting of the Black River Falls Municipal Utility Commission to order on July 26, 2021 at 4:26 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room at 119 North Water Street. Commissioners in attendance were Jay Eddy, Pete Olson, and Don Mathews. Jeff Amo was excused. Also present were General Manager Casey Engebretson, Office Manager Julie Babcock, Valy Goepfrich (WPPI Energy) and Garrett Aleckson (Banner Journal).

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Mathews to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2021 regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Eddy and seconded by Commissioner Mathews to approve the accounts payable vouchers; CK #37480 - #37553; HC #100523 - #100531 – Totaling \$1,289,267.49.

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

Valy Goepfrich, WPPI Senior Vice President of Power Supply, gave a presentation outlining the benefits of the joint action relationship between BRFMU and WPPI Energy. Topics of discussion included power supply, services, and advocacy.

Julie Babcock reviewed the June 2021 financials.

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Casey Engebretson provided an update on water and sewer operations. Casey informed the Commission that the water and wastewater staff are concentrating their efforts on AMI meter replacements. The goal is to have all water meters converted to AMI by the end of this year. The new sludge diaphragm pump are tentatively scheduled to be installed in August. The new air compressor is on-site and Jon Wussow is working with WWTP staff on installation.

Casey Engebretson provided an update on electric operations. Casey informed the Commission that the line crew remains busy completing new service installations and system maintenance. Jon Wussow continues to work on the remaining electric meter change-outs that require a new meter socket.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the concrete on the forebay wall is spalling and separating. The Commission discussed options for repair. Casey will reach out to Warren Hayden from Mead & Hunt to explore options for contractors and pricing.

Casey Engebretson provided the Commission with a construction update for the operations center. The Commission reviewed the schedule, the fourth payment application, change orders to-date, and project costs-to-date. Casey informed the Commission of two (2) potential change orders that are currently pending, at a total projected cost of \$9,000. Casey also discussed aesthetics issues with the concrete floor in the garage and warehouse. Casey is working with Miron and the contractor to come up with possible solutions to address the issue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 30, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mathews and seconded by Commissioner Olson to adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

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

Casey Engebretson, General Manager

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