UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
9/11/2024

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich, Megan Andresen, Abby Gehl and Robert Herring

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Gehl to approve the agenda. All Ayes

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Eltrich to approve the minutes. All Ayes

Manager Chris Krogman presented to the board an update on 2024 goals for each department (Administration, Power Plant, and Distribution), highlighting what goals were completed and which ones will be carried over to 2025.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Goals for each department (Administration, Power Plant, and Distribution). Manager Krogman presented the short-term goals for each department, some of which have been carried over from years past or are on-going, and the long-term goals of each department. Discussion was held on how such goals will affect the 2025 Budget.

During the discussion of goals, board member Megan Andresen had to leave the meeting. Also, board member Robert Herring arrive during this time also.

Discussion was held regarding employee vacation buy back for the year. Manager Krogman explained, that a few employees have a large amount of vacation banked up, due to several factors, such as staffing issues and workload. It has been difficult for employees to use vacation time. Manager Krogman asked the board to approve a one-time buy back to allow employees to be paid for some of their excess vacation time similar to what was offered last year. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Gehl to approve the Employee Vacation Buy Back for 2024. All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held to approve an engineer for the Resiliency Grant Project. Manager Krogman explained it is a requirement to procure an engineer since the funds are coming from a federal grant. The decision to select an engineer is not based on cost, but qualifications. 3 firms submitted proposal of qualifications; 2 of the firms MMEU has worked with before on other projects, DGR Engineering and Shermco, and the last firm is from Wisconsin that a lot of other WPPI members use. Board members Herring and Eltrich helped Manager Krogman score the proposals. More discussion was held before a motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve DGR Engineering firm for the Resiliency Grand Project. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Disccussion was held regarding the October board meeting. The regular schedule date for the October MMEU board meeting is 10/18/2024, but there is a WPPI training/meeting set that day also that Chris Krogman and Leesa Budde plan to attend. After discussion, motion to move the

meeting date to 10/15/2024. *After meeting ended, the date did not work out with enough board members and meeting was change to 10/23/2024.*

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve the claims as presented. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Budget discussions were held.

Manager Reports:
Matt Buck, Distribution – working on projects, including starting on the Rolling Acres project and the line move by the water treatment plant.
AJ Bowman, Power Plant – crew continuing working at Plant #2. At Plant #1, an air compressor was rebuilt and receive a load of fuel today also.
Leesa Budde, Office – MMEU will be celebrating Public Power Week by having a customer event at the farmer's market on Tuesday, 10/8/24 with bucket truck rides, ice cream floats and prize drawing that customers can enter for a few weeks.
Chris Krogman, General Manager- informed the board the plant ran at WPPI's request on 8/27/2024. Also, noted MMEU hit the highest load in a long time last month.

Motion and all ayes to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary