

## Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

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Call to Order @ 5:00 pm by Madden, Utility Commission President

Roll Call: Lindemann, Campfield, Lange, Madden and Eno. Also Kuester, Lind, Saemisch and Steward.

Canfield/Lindemann motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

February 1 ran the generators. Took 20 minutes for Fairbanks to get up and running. 5 minutes for Caterpillars to get up and running.

February 9 Urge tested the generators with Dairyland Power.

Working on tree cutting.

7 underground retirements to get done

Alley work needed

Ackermann work is one of the priorities.

Will solar affect the Ackerman Road project? If solar goes through we will adjust the Ackerman Road plan.

Poles on Western Avenue need to be done.

LaFarge is working on solar too.

Water Report:

Water report is good

Transferring reports from paper to digital.

Doing other DNR reports.

2 weeks ago there was a watermain break on Thompson.

Still waiting on LW Allen to do work.

Temperature probe issues at stand pipe. Looking to make changes.

Wastewater Report:

Working on CMOMC. Trying to make sure it is coordinated with GIS.

Changing out pumps in basement. B&M will do the work – cheaper than LW Allen. Working on 2 pumps – need an impaler.

Working on vac truck – replaced injectors.

Admin Report:

Auditors recommend new account numbers for the Electric Department. Therefore I will be adding the account numbers to the budget and I will present the budget amendment to the Commission at the next meeting.

Solar Seminar is on March 1 and Eno, Campfield, Kuester and Garvin are going.

Solar presentation and public meeting is March 8 at 5:30 pm.

Power cost adjustment should be on everyone's utility bill. Check it out. The utility saw about \$20,000 in reduced cost from Dairyland.

Bills:

Eno/Lange motion to approve bills. All ayes. Carried.

Commission Communication

Lange asked if we should consider doing the solar ourselves. Steward explained that the liability and costs will all be incurred by the company and not us. But we can consider purchasing it from them in 7 to 10 years.

Lindemann/Eno motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward  
City Administrator / Utility Manager