

## Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

March 15, 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/Lange motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

### Public Comment:

None

### Electric Superintendent Report:

Krause came through 3 weeks ago and close to getting the report done.

Went to solar meeting in LaCrosse

Catalytic converters (hockey pucks) needed to be sent back to Canada as they didn't fit properly.

Helped New Lisbon today with generators.

Took down all trees, some clean up on lines to do yet.

Projects to start soon

### 2016 Budget

Steward reported on the change to the Electric Department to include more accounting line items for labor as recommended by the Auditor. No change to the bottom line of the budget, just to the line items.

Lindemann/Eno motion to approve as presented. All ayes. Carried.

### Solar Project Discussion:

Campfield – have to establish a policy of individuals producing their own energy and putting it back on the system. And make customers aware of solicitors and instruct them to call us first.

Kuester – cost of panels going down as everybody going to wind or solar.

Need to go visit Vernon Electric and Westby and meet w/LaFarge before moving forward.

Clean Energy Cooperative of Colorado working with Vernon Electric. We need to investigate them.

Kuester, Steward, Campfield and Eno will visit Vernon Electric.

### Water Report:

Post office failing to deliver samples on time. Post Master has straightened this out.

Some curb stops not turning.

Getting pool stuff lined up and Commons.

Working on maintenance and tree trimming.

### Wastewater Report:

CMOM done. Information on valve cluster in jetter on vac truck. Quotes are in the packet. Saemisch reported on quotes and process to fix. Life span after repair? – Lindemann. 1 year if running all the time, but should last 3 to 5 years w/general use of vac truck. Lind wants a shop to do the repair because they have the tools and expertise to do it.

Lindemann/Campfield motion to buy parts from quote to take pump out and send to EnviroTech to fix and pay for labor. All ayes. Carried.

### Admin Report:

Audit report hopefully in April, solar meeting in April and reminded that there is an election coming up in April.

Bills:

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

Eno/Lange motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward  
City Administrator / Utility Manager