

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

Approved

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

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

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

Public Comment:

None

Wastewater Department Report:

Introduction of Peter Wollschlager.

Report – Saemisch presented his report. Need to do a radium check. Radon was found in our drinking water causing us to test for it. WPDES application is now due at the end of September. Looking at purchasing a truck. Had a hard time finding parts for this used vehicle. Looking for a 10-year-old truck for around \$10k.

Working on getting a quote for a new generator. Made a fix a year ago, but time for a new generator.

Waiting on quotes from 3 different places.

Wants the oxidation ditch coated to preserve it for the future. This would mean moving the railing. Had to do a partial fix. But now need to fix and repair the lower part of the gate and then do railing at the same time. Also, need a 3-gas meter for getting readings when going into manholes. We can get one from Process Equipment for free. We have a 30kW and will go to an 80kW.

Water Department Report:

Lind gave his report. Would like to get outside in nice weather to get things done. Looking to do Commons and Park soon. Has contacted MidAmerican Pool to finish the work. Dave filled in the areas with hydraulic cement and they will come do the fiberglass coating. Time for meter change outs. Purchased a kerf cutter for valve boxes in the street.

Still have iron bacteria issues at Well 4. Looking at bids to improve the water quality. Received 2 bids: CTW = \$15,330 and Municipal Well = \$17,240. Recommendation is for CTW.

Campfield/Lange motion to approve CTW for the well #4 work cost not to exceed \$15,330 without prior authorization from the Utility Commission. All ayes. Carried.

Electric Superintendent Report:

Outage was Alliant not Dairyland. Blinks recently were ATC not Dairyland. One was a guy wire that broke and the other was a lightning strike.

Urge test – coupler gave on the Fairbanks. Several hundred gallons leaked out – coupler went out. Cats passed. Fairbanks now fixed and tested today. We are good to go for MISO. Put 7 barrels of oil back in the Fairbanks.

Will be cutting trees along the powerline prior to leaves coming out.

Jon passed his test. After next week's school, he will be a journeyman lineman.

Shawn and Jon are now switch certified with Dairyland.

Substation – Dairyland will talk with us in May. They would like to sell it for environmental reasons because it is close to the river. Will have to generate for 3 days this fall when Dairyland does the transfer over of the substation.

City Administrator report.

Steward brought up a meeting between OneSource a solar energy firm and Kuester and him. Discussed MEG – NESHAP rules and letter to the DNR; Upcoming events – Municipal Government and Utility Day on May 10; and status of proposed rules.

Bills:

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

Commission Communication

None

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

Mark Steward
City Administrator / Utility Manager