

## Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

07.14.2020

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Call to Order @ 5:02 Ed Mendum

Roll Call: Campfield, Lange, Lindemann, Mendum, Stanek Others: Brown, Lind, Kuester, Skowronski, Sparling, Rob Uphoff, Jim Garvin

Lange/Campfield Approval of Minutes. All Ayes.

Public Comment: None

Presentation of EDA Disaster Grant by Rob Uphoff, MSA. Due to 2018 flood disaster area EDA has funds remaining. During conference call discussion was had on what program involves and possible projects available for funds. At the end of the conversation suggestion was to apply for funds for bridge leading to substation and flood proofing the substation. Time to apply is this fall. You have 3-4 years to spend money. This is an 80/20 grant. Also opens the door for traditional EDA Funds in the future.

Stanek/Lange motion to recommend adoption of resolution #1090 by City Council authorizing submission of EDA application. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Discussion on breaker upgrade and if we can include into EDA Disaster in order to be able to isolate areas of town during flooding.

Water/Wastewater Department Report:

Report—Lind presented report. Tests are all good at this time. Hwy project had water main conflict near the high school. Passed proficiency test on BOD and TSS. Problems with raw pumps plugging at plant. Also, problems at IGA lift station have been addressed. Pool seems to be running good at the present time.

Dan Greve looking to plan a preconstruction meeting for WWTP. Plan to close on loan in August. Substantial completion by December is the initial plan.

Electric Superintendent Report:

Report—Kuester presented report. JR Underground is here and has completed all 3 jobs. Bardo up and running on June 22, 2020. Oakdale came just to be sure that everything checks out on the Bardo Meter. All Pipe is buried for future use on Tailormade Project. Current Tailormade Transformers are "Live Fronts". Kwik Trip bridge lights back on. Still holing poles. Rush Power was here to go over the generators.

Tree Timmer dropped tree on line on Ackerman. Took down secondary and primary. Majority of Danger Poles are on that line.

Stanek/Campfield motion to approve purchase of wire in the amount of 7,336.45. Discussion on wire and need for extra. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Discussion on Tree Trimming. Would like to see tree trimming done in 40-hour time blocks for 161.37 per hour. Zielies offers a per hour estimate for tree trimming on the lines. Would start with the Brunner Circuit.

Lindemann/Lange Motion to approve 40 hours of tree trimming not to exceed 6,500.00. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Discussion on Energis quote and outage. Will order spare parts to have on hand so we do not run into any problems in the future.

Discussion on Rush Power Systems. Cooling towers on the cats need work, bearings are not in good shape. We need to get that fixed. These generators are used the most of the generators. Discussion on the need for Rush Powers to do the work. Questions on if someone else be qualified.

Rush Powers Tabled.

Administrators Report:

Report— 2021 budget timeline. PSC has lifted COVID moratorium as of July 15, 2020. Discussion on utility billing and Remote work and server. Keep an eye on revenue and expenditure. All departments should have a plan if anyone is out for COVID. There may be a face mask order coming into effect.

Campfield/Stanek motion to approve bills. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Commission Communication: none

Lindemann/Lange motion to adjourn 6:10PM. All Ayes.

Geena Skowronski  
Utility Clerk