

**MINUTES OF THE  
MANITOWOC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020**

The scheduled meeting of the Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission was called to order by Commissioner Diedrich via telephone at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020. In attendance were Commissioners Allie, Hornung, Luckow, Nickels, Seidl, and Sitkiewitz. Also present were Eric Duenkel, Cindy Carter, Don Duenkel, Andy Onesti, Carissa Grimm – MPU; Troy Adams – General Manager; and Attorney Andrew Steimle – Steimle Birschbach, LLC.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITION/ACHIEVEMENTS:** T. Adams recognized with the commission two MPU employees for recent achievements. One employee was recognized for completing the Certified Energy Manager training program and the other was recognized for his 34 years of service with MPU and congratulations on his upcoming retirement. Commission thanked both employees for their commitment and dedication to MPU and wished the retiree well.

Eric Duenkel left the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**GENERATION RESILIENCY PROJECT:** An update was provided on the status of several aspects of the project. The generation interconnection request for Turbine #6 has been filed with MISO using the generating facility replacement process Working with PSCW to push towards the municipal application filing requirements rather than the power plant application they have requested. PSCW indicated SIERRA Club will interject and we may need to trade an asset to bring on the black start equipment. SIERRA Club wants retirement dates of coal plants in WI by 2030. There will be an economic viability study coming out that will not be to the benefit of MPU.

A meeting was held with TOTE to update on the status of the pending agreement. Since MPU staff is not experienced with the process, Avant Energy has been contacted to assist. MPU is working with Avant on the consulting agreement. Attorney Steimle requested to see the agreements that T. Adams had available and will compare to the current consulting agreement.

MPU prepared budgetary estimates for demolition and construction projects needed to prepare MPU site for the project, which included a potential conversion of the north ash silo to limestone storage. D. Duenkel provided some background on the conversion and how it was discussed many years ago, but did not come to fruition. 12 truckloads of limestone could fit in that location if the silo was converted.

There was a discussion on the potential of the upcoming ATC upgrades having substantial impact on the generation at the power plant. They have indicated we may not be needed for VLR once upgrades are completed in five years. If MPU isn't dispatched through MISO we could be potentially at a loss for up to \$4 million per year if we can't recoup the cost to run from MISO. If the future of the plant is to retire or to switch to natural gas, the issue comes on how to keep staff trained to run the plant. The commission agreed that their intent is for MPU to remain a generating utility and all efforts will be taken to remain as such as long as it is economically feasible. Public power is a very unique attribute and being a public power town is very important.

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Hornung and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve converting the north ash silo to limestone storage. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION POLICY:** Attorney Andy Steimle revised the draft policy as requested at the last meeting to incorporate several changes by the commission.

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Allie to approve the policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** T. Adams updated the Commission on the following: 1,000 customers were in outage indicating AMI is not reporting outages as it should. Commission requested T. Adams to develop a threshold for alerting commission on significant events. There was concern of the reported water loss of a large industrial customer that spanned a couple of years and on the length of time it took to find the leak. D. Duenkel explained that a contractor was brought in by the owner of the private service and no leak was found. A leak was found at a later date and presumed to be fixed. DNR required MPU to do more leak detection because of this event. Steve the rescued seagull is MPU's most popular post on Facebook. T. Adams met with Nic Sparacio of CBCWA on July 8 for introductions.

Commission Diedrich left the meeting at 4:42 p.m.; Commission Allie presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting on June 22, 2020 were presented for approval.

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Sitkiewitz and seconded by Commissioner Hornung to approve the Regular Session Minutes from June 22, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims List dated July 14, 2020; and Wire Transfers dated through July 8, 2020 were presented for approval.

**APPROVAL OF WWTF CLAIMS:** Claims List dated July 17, 2020 were presented for approval.


**MOTION:** A Motion by Commissioner Sitkiewitz and seconded by Commissioner Hornung to approve the Claims List dated July 14, 2020 check nos. 91454 through 91636 totaling \$1,440,993.51; Wire Transfers dated through July 8, 2020 totaling \$3,573,071.27; Claims List for WWTF batch 713.07.2020 dated July 17, 2020 totaling \$144,219.97. Motion carried unanimously.

**QUOTATIONS/BIDS:** Cyber Security Plan - \$57,300.00 – Heartland Business Systems. The price will be split between City and MPU.

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Sitkiewitz and seconded by Commissioner Nickels to approve the cyber security plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** *Monday, July 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. - Tentative*

**ADJOURN:** A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Sitkiewitz. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

  
Approved: Troy Adams, General Manager

  
Approved: Dave Luckow, Secretary