

**MINUTES OF THE
MANITOWOC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

The scheduled meeting of the Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission was called to order by Commissioner Allie at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021. In attendance were Commissioners Diedrich (via Zoom), Hornung, Luckow, Nickels, Seidl, and Sitkiewitz. Also present were Bob Bouril, Cindy Carter, Don Duenkel, Andy Onesti, Carissa Grimm – MPU; Troy Adams – General Manager; and Attorney Andrew Steimle – Steimle Birschbach, LLC.

STEAM UTILITY RATES: In 2016, MPU hired Price Consulting (Gary Price) to review steam rates and incorporate repayment of package boilers 11 and 12 by Briess Malting through their monthly fixed charge. MPU Commission approved these rates, effective May 1, 2016, which provided for repayment over a period of five (5) years at \$37,269/mo. The final payment on the boilers will be billed on the April 2021 invoice to Briess and, as such, an adjustment is needed to their monthly fixed charge. MPU had contracted with Price Consulting last December to conduct another rate review for 2021 and were recently informed that they have been unable to complete this analysis due to other commitments. To ensure proper billing to Briess, we request approval of the steam rate tariff which will lower the monthly fixed charge to Briess by \$37,269/mo. The revised low-pressure steam rates will be effective May 1, 2021. A full steam rate analysis will be completed by Price Consulting prior to year-end.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Hornung and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve the revised steam schedule. Motion carried with Commissioner Luckow abstaining.

2020 PSCW RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO: The Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) energy report filed with the PSCW was distributed for review. Wisconsin law currently requires MPU to generate 9.19% of our annual retail sales from renewable sources. MPU has met the requirements and has reserve credits available through at least the next decade based on the power plant operation in 2020.

DONATION POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Donation Policy Committee reviewed six online applications between December 17, 2019 and March 15, 2021 with two being approved. One request is awaiting further review. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County and KAN Cool for School were awarded \$500 each. Additional, Investor's Community Bank inquired about a request for a large donation for the Boys and Girls Club that would fall in the parameters of the Extraordinary Contribution Policy approved in July 2020.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK: May 2-8, 2021 is National Drinking Water Week. It is an annual celebration organized by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members and intended to raise awareness of the critical role that safe, sustainable, and affordable drinking water plays in our daily lives. Drinking Water Week is a chance for everyone to appreciate water as a finite resource that requires dedicated individuals, running well-maintained systems, to make it safe and easily available. A domestic water system and other urban services like wastewater and electricity are the foundation of social and economic development. Our water system is an important part of why our community is what it is today.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Seidl and seconded by Commissioner Sitkiewitz to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: T. Adams updated the Commission on the following: Brief discussion on sales volumes and no electrical outages.

GREAT LAKES UTILITIES UPDATE: The report was distributed for review. Discussion on the status of the RICE project. Commissioner Luckow expressed concern for the timeline. T. Adams updated on potential for delays and approvals.

CBCWA UPDATE: The report was distributed for review. A brief discussion was held on moving forward with the pumps and month meetings with T. Adams and Nic Sparacio.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting on April 12, 2021 were presented for approval.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Seidl and seconded by Commissioner Hornung to approve the Regular Session Minutes from April 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims List dated April 27, 2021; and Wire Transfers dated through April 21, 2021 were presented for approval.

APPROVAL OF WWTF CLAIMS: Claims List dated April 16, 2021; and Claims List dated April 23, 2021 were presented for approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021: The financial reports for January and February 2021 were previously distributed to the Commission for review and discussion.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Seidl and seconded by Commissioner Hornung to approve the Claims List dated April 27, 2021 check nos. 94193 through 94329 totaling \$635,234.74; Wire Transfers dated through April 21, 2021 totaling \$2,641,235.33; Claims List for WWTF batch 713.04.2021 dated April 16, 2021 totaling \$40,835.17; and Claims List for WWTF batch 714.04.2021 dated April 23, 2021 totaling \$20,451.47; and to place the Financial Reports for January and February 2021 on file. Motion carried unanimously.


INVESTMENT REPORT: The Investment Portfolio Report from Baird, our investment advisor, for the period ending March 31, 2021 was previously distributed to the Commission for review and discussion. Brief discussion on the lower return recently.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Sitkiewitz to accept the Investment Reports from Baird.


QUOTATIONS/BIDS: Watermain Replacement on South 30th Street - \$472,747.00 – Vinton Construction Company. Brief discussion on increase cost to estimated budget.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Sitkiewitz and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve the Watermain Replacement on South 30th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Next meeting is Monday, May 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Sitkiewitz. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Approved: Troy Adams, General Manager



Approved: Mark R. Seidl, Secretary