## MINUTES OF THE MANITOWOC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

The scheduled meeting of the Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission was called to order by President Allie at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025. In attendance were Commissioners Diedrich, Hornung, McMeans, Nickels, Roberts, and Sitkiewitz. Also present were Rob Michaelson, Cindy Carter, Jeremy Fischer, and Carissa Grimm - MPU; Troy Adams - General Manager; and Attorney Andrew Steimle - Steimle Birschbach, LLC.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Annual Governance Agenda distributed.

**OPEN FORUM:** None

MPU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE: T. Adams recognized with the commission the recipient of this year's MPU Scholarship. A brief discussion was held on having MPU representation at future events to present the scholarship.

**MEUW SAFETY AWARD:** MPU received the MPU Safety Award for 2024 at the MEUW Annual Conference in La Crosse. Commission recognized the MPU team for the extraordinary efforts in helping to achieve this recognition and the team's commitment for safety here in the workplace and at home.

AWWA ACE25 UPDATE: This was moved ahead on the agenda. Rob Michaelson provided an update of the conference. He attended the conference as a board member of AWWA and touched on some of the issues being discussed at the national level. Topics of interest were the absence of the Canadian AWWA members, overall theme of AI and how to leverage the technology, PFAS continuing to be a significant issue around the country, and efforts for leak detection.

Rob Michaelson left the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting on May 13, 2025 were presented for approval.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Amended Claims List dated May 13, 2025; Claims List dated May 27, 2025; Claims List dated June 10, 2025; and Wires dated June 3, 2025 were presented for approval.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2025:** The financial reports for April 2025 were previously distributed to the Commission for review and discussion.

2024 WWTF COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT: The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) is a wastewater plant discharge permit requirement under State Statue NR 208.04. The Report is used to assist municipalities and the DNR in determining the strengths and weaknesses of the wastewater treatment facility, land application program, finances, and the sanitary collection system and lift stations. The owner and the DNR may use the CMAR to identify needs for future planning actions. In conjunction with a grading system, the CMAR shall establish when treatment works

owners are required to initiate actions to prevent violations of WPDES permit effluent limits and conditions.

**2024 CONSERVATION PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT:** The 2024 Conservation Performance Report was presented for review with no discussion.

QUOTATIONS/BIDS: None.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich and seconded by Commissioner McMeans to approve the Regular Session Minutes from May 13, 2025; Amended Claims List dated May 13, 2025 check nos. 107976 through 108105 totaling \$1,963,675.01; Claims List dated May 27, 2025, check nos. 108106 through 108225 totaling \$2,048,535.37; Claims List dated June 10, 2025 check nos. 108226 through 108351 totaling \$1,475,424.48; Wire Transfers dated through June 3, 2025 totaling \$4,386,948.64; the Resolution for the 2024 WWTF Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and to place the report on file; and to place on file the Financial Reports for April 2025 and the 2024 Conservation Performance Indicators Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**STRATEGIC PLAN 5-YEAR OUTCOME ROADMAP:** The rolling 5-year strategic plan was presented for formal adoption and included revisions consistent with the direction given at the commission strategic planning session in February, followed by the leadership team with commission representation in April. The final document will be used to facilitate the annual budget process.

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Sitkiewitz to approve the Strategic Plan 5-Year Outcome Roadmap. Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION: Notice had been previously given that Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission will adjourn into a closed session during the June 16, 2025 meeting pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to discuss the approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Closed Session Meeting and Manitowoc Refuel Renewable Project.

**MOTION:** A Motion to convene in closed session was made by Commissioner Diedrich and seconded by Commissioner McMeans. Motion carried unanimously. Accordingly, the Commission convened in closed session at 4:11 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 4:18 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION: None

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Personnel Committee met immediately prior to the meeting to discuss a recent staffing change. A verbal update was provided to Commission by Chair Diedrich noting the change in staff and confirming that there was no compromise to the Manitowoc Refuel Renewable Project.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** The report was distributed for review. A brief discussion was held on the term sheet created by MPU and City for the Kossuth Sanitary District, and the hand-delivered notice of noncompliance from WDNR.

APPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE: For the first time, all seven members of commission attended the APPA National Conference in New Orleans along with the General Manager and CFO. Commissioner Diedrich noted how impressed he was with the breakout sessions and learned how many things MPU is already doing, and doing well. Additionally, he attended the Board Advocacy breakout session and noted that MPU was called out by name specifically because of the governance policy encouraging board members to attend these types of events supporting APPA and promoting public power. Commissioner Sitkiewitz shared similar affirmation of the activities MPU is doing well such as interaction with key accounts and some of the best practices in the industry and providing proper feedback to customers. To that note, Commissioner Diedrich recognized MPU's Communication Manager's involvement since joining MPU with the press releases, community outreach, and public awareness noting the positive image it's building for MPU to avoid being associated with only adverse press such as rate increases or outages - customers are noticing MPU's commitment to the community making MPU customers some of its greatest advocates. It was noted that MPU being recognized on the national association's radar speaks volumes to the dedication of the MPU team and commission for the commitment to providing safe, reliable power to the community. The national recognitions MPU receives and the time its leadership and commission spend being proactive with legislators and building relationships at the national level aids MPU in moving its generating utility into the future.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner McMeans.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Approved: Troy Adams, General Manager

Approved: Dan Hornung, Secretary