

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

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April 25, 2011

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota held on April 25, 2011. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fena at 3:30 p.m., at the Hibbing Public Utilities, Hibbing, MN. Present were Chairperson Fena; Commissioner Berklich; Commissioner Murrer; Legal Counsel, Allen Jacobson; General Manager, Jason Fisher; Director of Finance & Commission Secretary, Kevin Gargano; AGM/Director of Power Production, Gary Myers; Director of Utility Operations, Corey Lubovich; and Director of Electrical Systems, John Carlson. Also in attendance were Curt Holcomb, HPAT; Mark Reger, Bruce Stone, Esko Savela, and Jeff Stokes, Local 94 employees; Mark Mandich, Rep., AFSCME Local 94; Theresa Joppa and Celeste Culberth; and Anna Kurth, Hibbing Daily Tribune.

Motion made by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the bills paid, ACH, and wire transfers from April 9, 2011 through April 18, 2011 and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer that the bills paid from April 9, 2011 through April 18, 2011 in the amount of \$837,182.37 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the payroll and overtime reports from April 8, 2011 through April 21, 2011 and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Chairperson Fena that the payroll and overtime reports from April 8, 2011 through April 21, 2011 in the amount of \$194,247.54 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 20, 2011 from J. Fisher regarding Step 3 Grievance Hearing: Bruce Stone Worker's Compensation.

Motion by Commissioner Murrer, supported by Commissioner Berklich to continue this Step 3 Grievance Hearing at the next regular Commission meeting of May 10, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 20, 2011 from J. Fisher regarding Closed Session: Employee Discipline Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer, to enter into closed session at 4:21 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Present in the closed session was: Chairperson Fena; Commissioner Berklich; Commissioner Murrer; Legal Counsel, Allen Jacobson; General Manager, Jason Fisher; Director of Finance & Commission Secretary, Kevin Gargano; AGM/Director of Power Production, Gary Myers; AFSCME Staff Rep. Mark Mandich; Local 94 employees, Mark Reger, Esko Savela, Jeff Stokes; and personal representative, Theresa Joppa and Celeste Culberth.

Motion to enter into open session at 5:20 by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer to continue this employee discipline hearing at the next regular Commission meeting on May 10, 2011.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Fena abstained.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 20, 2011 from C. Lubovich regarding Award Quote No. 3211: 1-Ton Pickup

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer to award Quote No. 3211: 1-Ton Pickup to the low bidder, Midway Ford.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Murrer to award Quote No. 1158 to Water Tec LLC per the attached correspondence.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Chairperson Fena to award Quote No. 3212 to the low quote from Bell Lumber and Pole.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Fena at 5:32 p.m.

*The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for
May 10, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.*

Attest:



Jim Fena, Commission Chairperson



Kevin M. Gargano, Finance Director &
Commission Secretary

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