

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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

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February 9, 2009

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, held on February 9, 2009. Meeting called to order by Chairperson McGuire at 5:00 p.m., at the Hibbing Public Utilities, Hibbing, MN. Present were Chairperson McGuire; Commissioner Berklich; Commissioner Kleffman; Legal Counsel, Allen Jacobson; General Manager, Jason Fisher; Director of Finance & Commission Secretary, Kevin Gargano; Director of Power Production, Gary Myers; Director of Electrical Systems, John Carlson; Director of Engineering, Chuck Berg; and Director of Utility Operations, Corey Lubovich. Also in attendance was Curt Holcomb, Hibbing Public Access Television; Anna Kurth, Hibbing Daily Tribune; Larry Claude and Mark Reger, Local 94 Employees; Bruce Valine, citizen.

Motion made by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Berklich, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 27, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the bills paid from January 17, 2009 through February 5, 2009, and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Berklich that the bills paid from January 17, 2009 through February 5, 2009 in the amount of \$540,834.21 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the payroll paid and overtime reports from January 16, 2009 through January 29, 2009 and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Berklich that the payroll paid and overtime reports from January 16, 2009 through January 29, 2009 in the amount of \$176,917.38 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated February 6, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding Purchase of Front End Loader and placed in the Commission file

No action taken.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated February 6, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding Purchase of Skid Steer/Forklift and placed in the Commission file.

No action taken.

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The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated January 20, 2009 from C. Berg regarding Tabled Request for Approval & Posting of Tabled Sr. Design Engineer Technician Position.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to approve the Senior Design Engineer position and to post for this position effective July 1, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated February 5, 2009, from J. Carlson regarding Line Foreman Job Posting.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to approve the job posting for a new Line Foreman.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated February 4, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding 2009 HPUC Safety Incentive Bonus Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Chairperson McGuire, to table the 2009 HPUC Safety Incentive Bonus Policy pending recommendations from Jason Fisher, General Manager, and Chuck Berg, Director of Engineering & Safety regarding safety bonus programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated February 4, 2009 from K. Gargano regarding Line of Credit.

Motion by Chairperson McGuire, supported by Commissioner Berklich to go out for bids to all local financial institutions for a \$500,000.00 line of credit.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated February 4, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding 2009 MMUA/HPUC Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship.

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Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Berklich to approve Hibbing Public Utilities' participation in the 2009 MMUA/HPUC Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship, but not to authorize an additional \$250.00 for local participation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 5:30 at the Hibbing City Hall Council Chambers.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:



Larry McGuire Commission Chairperson



Kevin M. Gargano
Director of Finance & Commission Secretary

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