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April 28, 2009

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota held on April 28, 2009. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Berklich at 3:30 p.m., at the Hibbing Public Utilities, Hibbing, MN. Present were Chairperson Berklich; Commissioner Fena; 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; and Director of Utility Operations, Corey Lubovich. Also in attendance were Anna Kurth, Hibbing Daily Tribune; Curt Holcomb, Hibbing Public Access Television; Larry Claude, Mark Reger, and Esko Savela, Local 94 Employees.

The Commission made the following appointments that were tabled from the April 13, 2009 regular Commission meeting for the ensuing year:

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Chairperson Berklich, to appointment Jim Fena as Second Vice Chairperson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Fena, supported by Commissioner Kleffman, to appoint Al Jacobson, Legal Counsel.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Fena, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to designate the official newspaper as the Hibbing Daily Tribune.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Fena, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the bills paid from April 4, 2009 through April 24, 2009 and made the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Fena, that the bills paid from April 4, 2009 through April 24, 2009 in the amount of \$ 598,214.06 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the payroll and overtime reports from April 10, 2009 through April 23, 2009 and made the following motion.

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Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Fena, that the payroll and overtime reports from April 10, 2009 through April 23, 2009 in the amount of \$184,967.83 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 23, 2009 from J. Carlson regarding 2009 Capital Budget Item – Replacement Traffic Controllers.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Fena, to approve the 2009 Capital Budget Item – Replacement Traffic Controllers.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 22, 2009 from C. Lubovich regarding Engineering Services Proposal – North Well and Wellhouse.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Commissioner Fena, to award the Engineering Service Proposal – North Well and Wellhouse to HDR Engineering, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 16, 2009 from G. Myers regarding Award Job Posting 09-03: Apprentice Plant Mechanic.

Motion by Chairperson Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman, to award Job Posting 09-03: Apprentice Plant Mechanic to the senior qualified employee. Also, approved the posting internally for a Fireman Helper Trainee and authorized the advertising and interviewing for this position outside the Utility.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 23, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding Line Crew Proposal.

Motion by Commissioner Fena, supported by Chairperson Berklich, to approve the Line Crew proposal as outlined in the letter to Chairperson Berklich from Jason Fisher dated April 23, 2009 which includes:

- 1) Establish three new job classes:
 - Job Class 40 Line Foreman \$30.49/hr.
 - Job Class 36 Lead Lineman \$28.69/hr.
 - Job Class 32 Lineman \$26.89/hr.

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- 2) Settle the pending arbitration regarding 2006 job evaluations with back pay to January 1, 2007. Retro-pay to be paid back by December 31, 2009.

These provisions are approved pending ratification by the Local 94 Union body.

Commissioner Kleffman opposed.
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Chairperson Berklich, to post internally for one Journeyman Lineman position, pending Union approval of Contractual changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 23, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding 5th Ave. West Reconstruction.

Motion by Chairperson Berklich, supported by Commissioner Fena, to approve the reimbursement to the City of Hibbing for the non-participating cost of this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated April 23, 2009 from J. Fisher regarding 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application.

Motion by Chairperson Berklich, supported by Commissioner Kleffman to submit an application to St. Louis County for a 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Kleffman, supported by Chairperson Berklich, to roll back the service charges on all utilities to \$3.00 per utility, effective June 1, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

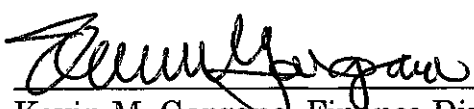
Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Berklich at 4:27 p.m.

*The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.*

Attest:



John Berklich, Commission Chairperson



Kevin M. Gargano, Finance Director &
Commission Secretary