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August 13, 2020

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6th Ave., Hibbing, MN 55746, held on August 13, 2020. Meeting held via GoToMeeting. Vice Chair Bugliosi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Vice-Chair Bugliosi; Commissioner Bayliss; Commissioner Stokes; Commissioner Garrity; Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; Director of Finance, Jean Lane; Admin. Assistant, Penny Lange; Director of Utility Operations; Corey Lubovich; Director of Power Production, Bob Nyberg; and Director of Electrical Systems, Dan Chase. Also in attendance was HPAT Rep., R. Wirkkula; Local 94 President, M. Reger. Absent from the meeting was Chairperson Hart.

Pursuant to MN § 13D.021 Subd. 1(1)(2)(3)(4), the HPU Commission will meet by phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Item 2. ADDS/DELETES - None

Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 5.A. Motion by Commissioner Bayliss, supported by Commissioner Stokes to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 28, 2020.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. CITIZENS FORUM - No One Present

BIDS & QUOTES

Item 6.A. The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated August 13, 2020 from D. Chase regarding Gas Plant & Beltline Substation Fence Repair Request.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bugliosi, to award the Gas Plant & Beltline Substation Fence Repair to Century Fence in the amount of \$10,105.00.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.B. The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated August 13, 2020 from C. Lubovich regarding Public Bid No. 03-20: Ansley Water Tower Reconditioning 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Garrity, supported by Commissioner Stokes, to authorize to call for Public Bid No. 03-20: Ansley Water Tower Reconditioning 2021.

Commissioner Bayliss – support

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Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL/POLICY

Item 7.A. The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated August 13, 2020 from C. Lubovich regarding Request to Repost Job Posting No. 20-06: Apprentice Water Mechanic.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bayliss, to authorize to Repost the Apprentice Water Mechanic position.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.B. The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated August 13, 2020 from D. Chase regarding Request to Post Job Posting No. 20-09: Instrument & Results Crew Leader.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bayliss, to authorize to post for Job Posting No. 20-09: Instrument & Results Crew Leader.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.C. The Commission reviewed the correspondence dated August 13, 2020 from R. Nyberg regarding Boiler #3 Cleaning.

Motion by Commissioner Garrity, supported by Commissioner Bugliosi, to authorize United Refractory in the amount of \$20,350.00 for Boiler #3 Cleaning.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bayliss, to approve the following consent agenda items:

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Item 5.A. Review and approve the items over \$10,000 and review and approve the bills from July 24, 2020 through August 7, 2020, check numbers 43088 through 43149 & ACH transfers 7102001 to 7172003.

Item 5.B. Review and approve the payroll paid & overtime report for the July 30, 2020 pay date.

Item 5.C. The Commission reviewed the correspondence regarding MPCA Regional Haze 4-Factor Analysis Cost Overrun.

Item 5.D. The Commission reviewed the correspondence regarding Voluntary Residential Heat Conversion Loan Program: Loan Approval.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Garrity requested discussion on the Voluntary Residential Steam Conversion Loan Program. Lengthy discussion held.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes to suspend the Voluntary Residential Steam Conversion Loan Program.

Motion fails for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bugliosi to rescind the motion to discontinue the Voluntary Residential Steam Conversion Loan Program.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Garrity, to hold a working session regarding the Voluntary Residential Steam Conversion Loan Program on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bayliss, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Commissioner Bayliss – support
Commissioner Stokes – support
Commissioner Garrity – support
Commissioner Bugliosi – support
Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Jean Lane, Commission Secretary



Jeffrey Hart, Chairperson

Meeting materials are available at www.hpuc.com
*The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the
Hibbing City Hall, City Council Chambers, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing, MN 55746*

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