

# **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **MAY 2, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Water and Light Commission was called to order in the Worthington Public Utilities Conference Room at 3:00 P.M., DST, by President Robert J. Demuth with the following members present: Jim Elsing, Gary Hoffmann and Randy Thompson (arrived at 3:15). Absent was Ron Wood (excused).

Staff members present were Scott Hain, General Manager; Deb Scheidt, Secretary to the Commission

Others present: None

#### **AGENDA ADDITIONS/CLOSURE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to close the agenda as presented.

#### **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to approve the Water and Light Commission minutes of the regular meeting held April 18, 2011.

#### **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to re-appoint Robert J. Demuth as President, Randy Thompson as Vice-President and officially designate Deb Scheidt as Secretary to the Commission.

#### **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Elsing and unanimously carried to re-appoint Commissioner Thompson to the Employee Health Insurance Board of Trustees, Commissioner Demuth as Ex-Officio to the Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and Commissioner Hoffmann to the Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee.

#### **LEWIS AND CLARK REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System will hold their 21<sup>st</sup> annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2011, in Sioux Falls. As a

member of Lewis and Clark, we are entitled to nominate a Director to serve for a three-year term. Mr. Hain's three-year term as Director expires this year. We are also entitled to have a delegate and an alternate represent Worthington at the annual meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Elsing and unanimously carried to nominate Scott Hain, General Manager, as Director representing Worthington for another term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to appoint Scott Hain, General Manager, as the Delegate and to appoint Eric Roos, Water Superintendent, as Alternate Delegate for the 2011 annual membership meeting.

Commission members were encouraged to attend the meeting and dinner that evening and to notify staff as soon as possible of their intentions.

## **2010 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

Scott Hain, General Manager, presented the Commission with a draft of the 2010 Worthington Public Utilities Consumer Confidence Report. A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Elsing and unanimously carried to approve the 2010 Consumer Confidence report for distribution with the June 2011 utility bills.

## **LEWIS AND CLARK UPDATE**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that FY 2011 federal funding for the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System project remains uncertain at this time but, due to Board action to "unallocated funding" for certain project components, there are adequate funds to proceed with construction activities as previously approved by the Lewis and Clark Board of Directors at their March 24, 2011, regular meeting.

Mr. Hain also reported that the Board of Directors gave the approval to proceed with the purchase of a building located near Tea, South Dakota. This purchase would allow Lewis and Clark personnel to move from their existing office facility in Sioux Falls to the Tea facility which would create an immediate savings of approximately \$250/month and would also satisfy the future need for a shop/maintenance facility to house distribution operators at an estimated savings to the project of \$150,000 to \$180,000.

## **SUBSTATION TIE TRANSMISSION PROJECT UPDATE**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that the Nobles County Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 27, 2011, regarding the environmental assessment for the substation tie transmission project. Mr. Hain briefly reviewed the public comments that were received at the meeting.

**UTILITY BILLS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the utility bills payable totaling \$160,114.18 for April 22 and April 29, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 P.M., DST. President Demuth declared the meeting adjourned.

Deb A. Scheidt  
Secretary to the Commission