

# **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Water and Light Commission was called to order in the Worthington Public Utilities Conference Room at 7:00 A.M., DST, by President Robert J. Demuth with the following members present: Randy Thompson, Ron Wood and Gary Hoffmann. Absent was James Elsing (unexcused).

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 Wood, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to close the agenda as presented.

## **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Wood and unanimously carried to approve the Water and Light Commission minutes of the special meeting held July 22, 2011, and the regular meeting held July 25, 2011.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STAFF REPORTS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to accept the financial statements and the staff reports for July 2011.

## **TRANSMISSION PROJECT EASEMENT ACQUISITION**

Scott Hain, General Manager, provided the Commission with an update on easement acquisition activities relating to the substation tie transmission project. Discussion was held on the relocation of two signs and compensation for landowners in the easement acquisition area.

## **HIGHWAY 60 SEWER WORK**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that fuel contaminated soil had been identified in the Kragness Avenue area while working on the sanitary sewer portion of the Highway 60 project. Mr. Hain reported that at this time it is unknown how much additional cost might be imposed on the Wastewater Fund for dealing with the contamination.

## **MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES POWER SUPPLY**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) has agreed to a 20-year purchased power agreement with Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. for 32 megawatts of power from the Point Beach Nuclear Plant located in Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Mr. Hain also reported that the MRES and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (WMMPA) Boards of Directors will be touring the Red Rock Dam on the Des Moines River near Pella, Iowa, on August 18, 2011. A special board meeting will be held following the tour and Mr. Hain anticipates that action will be taken to exercise the option to purchase the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license which would allow MRES/WMMPA to develop hydroelectric generating facilities at the dam.

### **LEWIS & CLARK CONSTRUCTION TOUR**

Commissioner Demuth gave a verbal report on the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System construction tour held on August 11, 2011.

### **UTILITY BILLS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the utility bills payable totaling \$169,738.74 for July 27, August 5 and August 12, 2011.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to close the meeting under Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3 (a) to discuss the results of the General Manager's annual performance evaluation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to end the executive session.

Based upon the outcome of the annual performance evaluation, the Commissioners recommended a merit increase be awarded to the General Manager effective August 1, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Worthington/Worthington Public Utilities Compensation Administration Guidelines.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 A.M., DST. President Demuth declared the meeting adjourned.

Deb A. Scheidt  
Secretary to the Commission