

**MINUTES OF THE
MANITOWOC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020**

The scheduled meeting of the Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission was called to order by Commissioner Allie in absence of Commission President Diedrich at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020. In attendance were Commissioners Hornung, Luckow, Nickels, Seidl, and Sitkiewitz. Also present were Cindy Carter, Don Duenkel, Andy Onesti, Carissa Grimm – MPU; Troy Adams – General Manager; and Attorney Andrew Steimle – Steimle Birschbach, LLC. Commissioner Diedrich was excused.

Commissioner Allie welcomed Troy Adams and Senior Managers Cindy Carter, Andy Onesti, and Don Duenkel to start the meeting.

WELCOME AND EXPECTATIONS OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER: MPU's new General Manager, Troy Adams led a discussion on the expectations of the Commission. Adams expressed the importance of two-way communication and looking for feedback from the Commission on how best to work as a team. He acknowledged the importance of having the senior management team at the meetings going forward to grow MPU leadership. Opened dialogue on how to move forward in a more digital fashion with Commission meetings and materials with the use of provided iPads to Commission and halt printed materials. Adams explained his appreciation of having Nilaksh available as an available resource and interest in learning how things were done, but also has his own leadership style and would like to implement that to continue towards MPU's success and future. Adams would like to initiate discussions with the Commission on the following: economic development; innovative projects; organizational structure and room for opportunities; performance evaluations of the GM and the Commission; strategic planning; meeting with strategic partners early on to develop relationships; and performing SWOT analysis of the utility. Commissioners Hornung and Nickels suggested reviewing the previous strategic plan discussions held with Commission regarding projects that did not move forward but may be worth revisiting such as data centers, fiber line to Michigan, coal piles being moved, utility provided internet service to the city. Commissioner Hornung also expressed concerned on how best to proceed with meetings with the senior managers attending and providing comments to the Commission. Adams highlighted the importance for the team to be able to interject and provide comment at any time throughout the meetings. Commissioner Allie thanked Adams for his ambition and suggestions and looks forward to working as a team to continue to grow MPU within the community.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: T. Adams updated the Commission on the following: vacant positions that were recently filled – Accountant II and WSO; termination of a Meter Tech; and Turbine 6 – approvals of removal from past meeting. A discussion ensued on the previously issued change order to MRD for \$305,500 to remove Turbine 6 while on site with a start date of July 1. Following the approval of the change order, MRD notified that asbestos was found and the amount was increased by \$48,000. MPU would not approve the increased amount and MRD will not accept the original change order of \$305,500; ultimately the change order was not signed. Commission expressed concern on how fast the removal would have to happen. The original assumption was that it would be less expensive since MRD was onsite which caused the urgency. Turbine 6 does need to be retired, but can sit idle for 3 years and would be feasible to retire in place and remove it from MPU assets. This would also reduce PILOT to City. Interconnection with Turbine 6 with MISO. Duenkel expressed interest in leaving the unit in place indefinitely as

a retired unit that would be available in the event of a failure of Turbine 5. The consensus is to rebid the project at a later date and bring a recommendation to the next meeting. Discussion also ensued on GM report format going forward. Commissioner Nickels inquired about the LED street lighting project bids and when they will be published.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting on May 26, 2020 were presented for approval.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve the Regular Session Minutes from May 26, 2020 following two changes requested by Commissioner Diedrich: 1. To be listed as excused rather than absent; and 2. A grammar issue in a discussion/approval item. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims List dated June 9, 2020; and Wire Transfers dated through June 3, 2020 were presented for approval.

APPROVAL OF WWTF CLAIMS: Claims List dated June 12, 2020 were presented for approval.

MOTION: A Motion by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve the Claims List dated June 9, 2020 check nos. 91204 through 91314 totaling \$543,208.54; Wire Transfers dated through June 3, 2020 totaling \$334,837.59; Claims List for WWTF batch 712.06.2020 dated June 12, 2020 totaling \$129,451.94. Motion carried unanimously.

QUOTATIONS/BIDS: Stack Filter Pump Inspection and Repair - \$27,707.00 – Engineered Pump Services, Inc.; Turbine Hall Window Replacement (Part 1) - \$339,000.00 – Oscar J. Boldt Construction; Turbine Hall Window Abatement (Part 2) - \$94,969.00 – Dynamic Contracting Service. Discussion ensued on bids that came in high for the Turbine Hall window replacement which caused it to be bid as two projects. The excess will be funded from the remaining budgeted funds of the baghouse project.


MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Hornung and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve the Stack Filter Pump Inspection and Repair. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Hornung and seconded by Commissioner Seidl to approve the Turbine Hall Window Replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Sitkiewitz to approve the Turbine Hall Window Abatement. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Sitkiewitz. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.


Approved: Troy Adams, General Manager


Approved: Dave Luckow, Secretary