

OCONTO FALLS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
WATER & LIGHT ● SEWAGE DISPOSAL ● CABLE TELEVISION
MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities Commissions was called to order in Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, by President Kardoskee at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Schindel, Patenaude, Anastasopoulos, Coopman, and Kardoskee, present.

Also Present: Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Customer Service Representatives Beth Rank, Mayor Brad Rice, WPPI CFO Marty Dreischmeier, and Michelle Tester.

MINUTES:

President Kardoskee asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 20, 2021. Hearing none, President Kardoskee declared the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 20, 2021 of the Oconto Falls Water & Light Commission accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2021

The Treasurer's Report for the months of August 2021 as prepared by Deputy Treasurer Eve Wallace were placed on file for future audit.

BILLS: It was moved by Anastasopoulos, seconded by Patenaude, that an order be drawn authorizing payment of payroll vouchers 103588-103607, accounts payable vouchers 025811-025855, and wire transfers 001455-01461. Roll call: Anastasopoulos, Patenaude, Coopman, Schindel, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

REORGANIZATION

It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Schindel, that all old and new business be transferred to the new commission and that the old commission adjourn to Sine Die. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities New Commission was called to order in Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, by President Kardoskee at 6:12 p.m.

Roll Call:

Anastasopoulos, Patenaude, Schindel, Coopman, and Kardoskee, present.

Also Present: Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Customer Service Representatives Beth Rank, Mayor Brad Rice, and Michelle Tester.

Election of Officers – It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Schindel, to nominate Kardoskee as President, Coopman as Vice President, and Anastasopoulos as Secretary with unanimous ballot cast. Roll call: Patenaude, Schindel, Anastasopoulos, Coopman, and Kardoskee, voting aye. Motion carried.

Executive and By-Direction Appointments of Management and Staff -

Moratorium Disconnects: Wisconsin Public Service Commission requires a letter of authorization to designate an executive to authorize disconnection during the winter moratorium months. Management recommends the Utility Manager, be appointed, with the Commission President to act in the manager's absence. It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Coopman, to designate the Utility Manager as executive to authorize disconnection during the winter moratorium months, with the Commission President to act in the Manager's absence. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Utility Account Signature Authority: It is the recommendation of the management that the Commission President or the Commission Vice-President, along with the Utility Manager, be authorized to sign utility account checks. It was moved by Anastasopoulos, seconded by Patenaude, to designate the Utility Manager, the Commission President, and the Commission Vice-President as authorized signers of the Utility account checks. Motion carried on a voice vote.

WPPI Representation: At present, Greg Kuhn, Utility Manager, serves as the Utilities WPPI Representative. It was moved by Patenaude, seconded by Anastasopoulos, to designate Greg Kuhn, Utility Manager, as the Utilities WPPI Representative. Motion carried on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONS

WPPI Presentation – Marty Dreischmeier, WPPI’s CFO, came before the Commission to discuss the joint action between WPPI and Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities.

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION - None

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager's Report – Kuhn presented the Commission with a written report. Kuhn added an update to the substation upgrade. He is getting information together before presenting anything to the Commission. Kuhn is working with the City Attorney to draft a proposal to purchase the land for the substation. Kuhn let the Commission know that they have found a few hydrants that need replacing during flushing and plans to put hydrant replacement in the budget in future years. Well 3 rehab is started. It will take a little longer than expected due to the treatment process needing to be changed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rank, Customer Service Representative