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Meeting Minutes - Approved WATER UTILITY BOARD

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

4:30 PM

Water Utility Conference Room A&B
119 E. Olin Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Madeline Gotkowitz called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present: 7 - Sheri Carter; Patrick E. Delmore; Madeline B. Gotkowitz; Jon C. Evans;
Doug Voegeli; Bruce Mayer and David Ahrens

Excused: 1 - Lauren Cnare

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayer, seconded by Delmore, to Approve the Minutes of the April 28 meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Sheri Carter; Patrick E. Delmore; Jon C. Evans and Bruce Mayer

Abstentions: 1 - David Ahrens

Non Voting: 1 - Madeline B. Gotkowitz and Doug Voegeli

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were none.

BOARD EDUCATION

1. [38537](#) Presentation from City Engineering on sewer ratemaking methodology

Attachments: [Presentation- Sewer Utility Rate Structure 052615.pdf](#)

City Engineer Rob Phillips. City Engineering's Chief Financial Officer Steve Danner Rivers, and Assistant City Engineer Mike Dailey gave a presentation to the board (see attached).

2. [38538](#) Presentation by Matt Hayes on energy conservation graduate research project

Attachments: [Presentation- Evaluating Energy Saving Alternatives.pdf](#)

Matt Hayes gave a presentation to the board (see attached).

3. [38539](#) Board education on utility management by commission

Attachments: [Wisconsin Statutes 66.0805.pdf](#)
[MEG Water Governance Survey Results 4-9-2015.pdf](#)
[Background- 2005 Memo from City Attorney regarding utility management op](#)

General Manager Tom Heikkinen and the board discussed the model of utility management by commission as outlined in state law. (See attached).

NEW BUSINESS

Madeline Gotkowitz left the meeting at 5:50 pm. Bruce Mayer stepped in as chair.

Present: 6 - Sheri Carter; Patrick E. Delmore; Jon C. Evans; Doug Voegeli; Bruce Mayer and David Ahrens

Excused: 2 - Lauren Cnare and Madeline B. Gotkowitz

4. [38541](#) Revising the Water Utility Board's Master Agenda

Attachments: [2015 Master Agenda 1.01.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Delmore, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MONITORING REPORTS

5. [38544](#) Affordability Report

Attachments: [O-2D Affordability May 2015.pdf](#)
[Residential Bill Comparison 5-2015.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Evans, to Accept. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. [38548](#) Financial Planning/Budget Report (Capital Budget)

Attachments: [EL-2C Financial Planning Budgeting Monitoring Report May 2015.pdf](#)
[Draft 2016 Cap Budget_Cash Flow Basis 2015.05.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Evans, to Accept. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. [38552](#) Infrastructure Report

Attachments: [EL-2G Infrastructure 2015.pdf](#)
[EL-2G Infrastructure 2015- REVISED.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Evans, seconded by Carter, to Accept with Amendment(s). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. [22206](#) Notification of noncompliance with any Water Utility Board Policies.

There was no noncompliance to report.

9. [24301](#) Items of general interest and update on any rate case in progress.

General Manager Tom Heikkinen provided an update on the status of the audit and the rate increase application with the Public Service Commission.

10. [28907](#) Report from the Committee on the Environment.

Pat Delmore provided an update to the board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. [38556](#) Water Utility Board self-evaluations and third party review

Attachments: [Self-monitoring checklist.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Ahrens, to defer to a future meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. [14501](#) Introduction of Future Agenda Items.

Attachments: [Decision Tree.pdf](#)

Revising the affordability policy and report to include an analysis of water rates in relation to household incomes was introduced as a future agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Carter, to Adjourn at 6:41 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.