

Bagley Public Utilities
Commissioners Meeting
February 15, 2023

Chairman Thomas Lillegaard called to order the regular meeting of the Bagley Public Utilities Commission on February 15, 2023 at 10:10am. Present for the meeting were managers Bill Masterson and Vicky Fletcher, and Mike Karvakko with Karvakko Engineering. Commissioners Dennis Merschman and Stuart Lien joined via zoom.

Karvakko informed Commission that USDA has returned the plans for Phase II with comments and approval pending a couple minor changes. Masterson relayed message from Mayor Sidney Michel regarding current status of bonding bill and lobbyist's opinion on pursuing funds. Karvakko discussed the pros and cons of waiting on bonding monies, including the timing factors for bidding the project, the construction season, and compatibility with USDA funding. Also, Phase II involves Clearwater County managed streets. Karvakko will continue work to complete plans in anticipation of bidding project in March, at which time Bagley will need to decide whether or not to proceed with bid advertising. Karvakko left the meeting.

Merschman made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the regular board meeting held January 18, 2023. Lien seconded, motion carried.

Lien moved to approve the January 2023 expenditures as listed. Motion was seconded by Merschman and carried.

The Board reviewed bills presented for payment in February 2023. Lien made a motion to authorize payment of the February bills and Merschman seconded. Motion carried.

Masterson stated BPU eligible employees voted on union representation today. All discussion on contract and/or any other wage related items is still restricted until BPU receives notification from MN Bureau of Mediation Services.

Department updates:

- Masterson has been in contact with Curt Meyers of WSN. Meyers is compiling the invoices for engineering services on the Hwy #92 Project which should be ready for meeting next month.
- Scott Caouette attended a webinar presented by MMUA on grants available for electric systems. Masterson and Caouette met with electrical engineer to discuss Bagley system.
- One pump at the Golfview lift station was not working because the piping broke. Masterson has scheduled MN Pump Works to do repairs.

Commission reviewed financial reports.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Merschman, seconded by Lien, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Thomas Lillegaard, Chairman

Attest:

Vicky Fletcher, Business Manager