

Bagley Public Utilities  
Commissioners Meeting  
October 17, 2022

Chairman Thomas Lillegaard called to order the regular meeting of the Bagley Public Utilities Commission on October 17, 2022 at 10:40am. Present were Commissioners Dennis Merschman and Stuart Lien, and managers Bill Masterson and Vicky Fletcher.

Merschman made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the regular board meeting held September 14, 2022. Lien seconded, motion carried.

Lien moved to approve the list of September 2022 expenditures. Motion was seconded by Merschman and carried.

The Board reviewed invoices presented for October 2022, and Lien motioned to authorize payment. Merschman seconded, the motion carried.

Motion by Merschman to approve, in concurrence with Bagley City Council action, the request for Draw #1 from the interim funding through MRWA in the amount of \$508,759.96. The funds will pay off the MRWA Midi-Loan including principal of \$536,000.00 and interest due of \$4,154.00. Motion was seconded by Lien and carried.

Department updates:

- Masterson explained the issues facing all power companies under MISO authority, including Minnkota Power Cooperative. The demand for electricity has risen causing the possibility of insufficient supply, especially in the summer months. MISO has warned power suppliers to prepare for firm load shed, to avoid infrastructure or distribution equipment damage. Minnkota is compiling a plan to address shortages, but BPU may need to consider adding generators for some lift stations.
- Masterson reported no delivery dates yet for the filter media and parts. Masterson has checked into options for alternate filter systems, and a backup filtering would be basically another vessel with media.
- Ponds are being treated with alum to pass test levels required for discharging.
- Masterson gave updates on progress of the USDA Water & Sewer Project. Masterson recommends penalties for additional days required to complete construction be assessed.

The two handhelds used for meter reading still work but are no longer supported. Quotes to replace the equipment included \$8,000 each for the same type totaling about \$16,000, or \$18,000 for one unit to mount in truck. Discussion held on status of transition to automated reading.

Dan Hendrickson with IBEW #294 has remitted a wage opener letter to negotiate contract renewal. Board directed Fletcher to invite Hendrickson to November meeting.

Motion by Lien to approve proposal for three-year contract with Brady Martz, agreeing to rate increases and contingent with City acceptance. Merschman seconded and the motion carried.

Commission reviewed the financial reports.

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Motion by Lien to approve payment of invoice submitted by Colleen Lindgren for records retention work. Motion was seconded by Merschman and carried. Fletcher noted the City will reimburse BPU for half of Lindgren's fees.

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

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Thomas Lillegaard, Chairman

Attest:

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Vicky Fletcher, Business Manager