

Bagley Public Utilities
Commissioners Meeting
September 13, 2023

Chairman Thomas Lillegaard called to order the regular meeting of the Bagley Public Utilities Commission on September 13, 2023 at 10:00am. Also present for the meeting were Commissioners Dennis Merschman and Stuart Lien, managers Bill Masterson and Vicky Fletcher, and Tim Ramerth from Widseth Smith Nolting.

Ramerth attended meeting to discuss the invoice submitted to BPU for engineering services provided on the Hwy #92 project. Ramerth stated the original estimate for project engineering was just over \$100,000. WSN has billed and BPU has paid \$46,500 to date. Ramerth explained that additional work was required due to extended length of project, construction issues with de-watering, funding that warranted labor reports, and the sewer main issue, which were not included in the original estimate. WSN has determined total fees for the project of \$224,000 and, after deducting prior payment and waiving charges of \$55,000, have submitted final invoice for \$123,000. Board and Ramerth discussed project issues and costs. Ramerth exited meeting to allow Board discussion. Ramerth joined the meeting. Merschman spoke for the Board and offered a final total payment of \$80,000. Ramerth accepted the negotiated amount to avoid legal action and to close the contract. Motion by Merschman to finalize the BPU obligation for Hwy #92 project with payment of \$80,000 to WSN, withdrawing balance available from MN PFA loan and supplemented by BPU funds. Motion was seconded by Lien and carried.

Merschman made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the regular board meeting held August 16, 2023 and Lien seconded. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lien to approve the list of August 2023 expenditures as presented. Merschman seconded and motion carried.

After review of the invoices due in September 2023, Lien moved to approve payment of September bills. Motion was seconded by Merschman and carried.

Masterson reported the water/sewer project is going well.

Motion by Lien to recommend City Council adopt Resolution 41-23 authorizing the City of Bagley to enter into a grant agreement with the MN PFA for the \$7.2 bonding grant. Merschman seconded and motion carried.

Board reviewed the financial reports for July.

Discussed options to offer upgraded internet packages and possible promotions. Commission tabled discussion with no decisions at this time.

With 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