

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2021
Time: 4:00p.m.

Present:

William Fisher
John Ortwerth
Bill Dees
Melissa Cogdal

President
Vice President
Secretary
Board Member

Darrin Gordon
Mathew Munzlinger
Courtney Harris
Matthew Jones
Paul Trenhaile
Jared Stewart
Makayla Robbins

General Manager
Director of Operations
Administrative Support Specialist
Senior IT Specialist
Finance Director
Superintendent of Lineman
Coordinator of Customer & Community Relations

Corey Mehaffey
Ethan Matchett

Northeast Economic Development Council
Associate Attorney, Lemon Law Firm

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by William Fisher.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by William Fisher.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes – September 20, 2021 & October 12, 2021
- B) Payrolls – September 24, 2021 & October 8, 2021
- C) Claims – September 2021

On motion of Bill Dees, seconded by John Ortwerth the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Darrin Gordon reported Public Utilities Week was very successful and thanked the community and HBPW staff for all of their hard work during the week.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mathew Munzlinger presented the Board with an updated progress report including projects from the Electric, Water System, Water Treatment Plant, Sewer System, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Stormwater. Mr. Munzlinger noted the progress of these projects and studies are acceptable and will continue as weather permits.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paul Trenhaile presented the Board with the financial results for the month of September 2021, year to date results, and key financial ratios. Mr. Trenhaile presented the Dashboard presentation to the Board as a review of Key Performance Indicators trailing the last six months.

OLD BUSINESS

Cyber Security Report – Matthew Jones

Matthew Jones reported malicious cyber activity has continued to drastically increase and since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic it has increased 500%. Mr. Jones noted the #1 motivator for this type of malicious behavior is mostly money demanded through successful ransomware attacks and is predicted to reach \$10.5 trillion by 2025. The first line of defense is educating the staff and users to try and prevent the attacks. Mr. Jones noted moving forward each organization needs to be prepared and it's necessary to provide more security and continuing to do the best within the budget restraints.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Items Declaration – Matthew Jones

Matthew Jones reported the HBPW continues to maintain its various technology components through cyclical replacements. Matthew presented a list of items that have reached their end of life or have been replaced with new technology and no longer serve a purpose within the HBPW's daily operation.

On motion of Bill Dees, seconded by John Ortwerth the Board voted unanimously to approve the miscellaneous items declared surplus as presented and to proceed with the sale or disposal process.

Preapproval on Winter Hedge – Darrin Gordon

Darrin Gordon reported last winter the February event showed a vulnerability in the volatility that hedging practiced did not cover. Mr. Gordon noted that he requested GDS retrieve indicative pricing for winter power. GDS received numbers that indicate a hedge at this time would be a conservative risk management effort that will meet the goals of providing power at reasonable pricing to the HBPW customers. Mr. Gordon voiced live pricing and acceptance will allow the HBPW the best opportunity for lower prices, and GDS has previously completed similar transactions for the utility. Mr. Gordon will continue to monitor the situation and report the information as necessary.

CITY ATTORNEY – PENDING MATTERS

NONE

GENERAL DISCUSSION

A "Special Meeting" will be held at City Hall regarding infrastructure and Stormwater on Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Dees made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by John Ortwerth and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.



Darrin Gordon
General Manager



Bill Dees
Secretary