

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

**ROLL CALL**

Attending: Boardmembers: Baehr, Eskra, Leech, and Moran.  
Absent: Boardmembers: Moon.

Chairman Dave Eskra announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve agenda as submitted.
- b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.
- c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular BPW Board meeting on July 13, 2016.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
- g. Approval of BPW Energy Efficiency applications.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Baehr, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, Eskra, Leech, Moran  
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS**

There were no public hearings/bids.

**RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions.

**ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one appeared at public forum.

## DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

### **NPPD 2017 Rate Outlook**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed Nebraska Public Power District's (NPPD) proposed 2017 rate outlook. Tempelmeyer noted that overall NPPD's average wholesale customer would see a 0.6% increase. Tempelmeyer reviewed the four (4) scenarios NPPD provided on how future rates could be effected. If Monolith builds out completely, there would be no projected wholesale rate change from the current rate outlook. Should the Clean Power Plan be enforced, wholesale customers could see a one (1) time rate increase between 2.0% to 5.0%. Should more customers install qualified local generation, wholesale customers could see a one (1) time rate increase of 3.0% to 5.0%. If NPPD would eliminate all margin from excess energy sales, there is a potential one (1) time wholesale rate increase of 5.0% to 8.0%. Tempelmeyer noted the proposed rate increase for 2017 will not be in effect until January 2017 and further noted the Board would discuss how this rate increase will affect Beatrice at a future meeting.

Boardmember Moon arrived at 12:15 p.m.

### **Application for NPPD Approval to Connect Local Generation**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted as part of the process to connect local generation, an application must be filed with NPPD in order for NPPD to review the proposal and ensure there are no issues where the local generation connects. Boardmember Eskra inquired if the City expected any issues. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, indicated he did not anticipate any problems.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Leech, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to execute the Application for NPPD Approval to Connect Local Generation.

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, Eskra, Leech, Moon, Moran  
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

### **LED Street Light Savings**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted that the City began installing LED street lights in FY14. Since starting the program, the City has seen a decrease in the total billed, as well as the total usage. Tempelmeyer noted there was at least one (1) rate increase during this time that was not factored in. Tempelmeyer noted on the usage side, so far in 2016 there have been four (4) months in which the usage has been below 100,000 kwh, and between the years of 2013 and 2015, there were only three (3) months that were below 100,000 kwh. Boardmember Eskra inquired how far the City is on the project and Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted the City is close to fifty percent (50%) complete.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular BPW Board Meeting will be held August 10, 2016 at 12:10 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Leech, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, Eskra, Leech, Moon, Moran  
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**Bob Moran, Secretary**

**Dave Eskra, Chairman**