

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 17, 2023

The meeting of the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board was held on July 17, 2023 at 1902 Sunset Drive at 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Talkington, Norton, Cornman, with Schalk presiding.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest that dealt with either any item on the printed agenda or with any matter discussed at a previous meeting from any Advisory Board members present at the July 17, 2023 meeting.

READING OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held June 5, 2023 had been distributed with the agenda for the July 17, 2023 meeting prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Talkington, seconded by Cornman, and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

CHECK REGISTER REPORTS:

The check register reports for the Electric and Water-Sewer Departments were read and checked. Motion was made by Talkington, seconded by Cornman, and carried that the bills be approved as presented and certified to the Mayor and City Council for payment thereof. The motion covered Electric checks #30902-#31056, Water-Sewer checks #19111-#19241 and payroll direct deposits dated June 6, 2023 through July 14, 2023. The above motion also covered Electric check #30907 in the amount of \$1,165.25 and Electric check #31005 in the amount of \$741.46 which represents the Manager's mileage

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Financial statements and investments were presented to the Board and discussed. Motion was made by Talkington, seconded by Cornman, and carried to approve the financial statements and investments for the Electric and Water-Sewer Departments.

BUSINESS:

Slate of Officers

Motion was made by Talkington, seconded by Cornman, and carried to approve the slate of officers as presented:

Sam Schalk-Chairman
Brock Littles-Vice-Chairman
Todd Talkington-Secretary

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Agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and Southwestern Power Administration

Manager Bach stated in February, 2016 the City Council approved a resolution appointing the utilities manager the designated official for the addendum agreements for the power supply agreement. He stated he wanted to make the Board aware of this recent agreement for the funding of the Bridge Crane Replacement at Bull Shoals Dam Powerplant (Phase II). Manager Bach stated the estimated cost for Poplar Bluff is \$2.7 million. He stated the funds will be credited on our monthly invoice from SPA for the sale of electric power and energy and will be deposited in an escrow account for the MOA General Fund.

Qualifying Facilities Interconnection Application/Agreement

Manager Bach stated in 1978, Congress passed the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) to encourage electric energy conservation, increase utility efficiency, increase fairness in retail rates for electric consumers, expand the use of hydroelectric production, and conserve the use of natural gas in electric power generation. He stated PURPA was designed to accomplish this by creating a new class of electric generating facilities called “qualifying facilities” (QFs). He stated the act gave QFs special rate and regulatory treatment for power production from non-utility sources, cogeneration facilities, small dams, and other resources that met the specified parameters. Manager Bach stated during the last four decades, there have been substantial changes in the electric industry, including a rapid shift away from mostly “vertically integrated” utilities, the development of wholesale energy and capacity markets for most of the country, the adoption of renewable portfolio standards or goals in many states, and FERC policies mandating transmission access to non-utility providers. He stated prices for new renewable sources have also fallen over the last decade and several developers have attempted to leverage QF status for new projects – particularly for solar developers.

Manager Bach stated in order to fulfill any qualifying facilities’ request, the City needs to include this qualifying facilities interconnection agreement in our policy manual.

After a brief discussion, motion was passed by Cornman, seconded by Norton, and carried to recommend to City Council the approval of the qualifying facilities interconnection agreement.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Advisory Board, motion was made by Cornman, seconded by Talkington, and carried to adjourn.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S Schalk", written in black ink.

Sam Schalk, Chairman

Approved SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, 2023.