

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

MEETING AGENDA –AUGUST 27, 2013

RPU SERVICE CENTER
4000 EAST RIVER ROAD NE
ROCHESTER, MN 55906

4:00 PM

1. Approval of Minutes of July 30, 2013 Meeting
2. Approval of Accounts Payable

NEW BUSINESS

3. Open Comment Period
(This agenda section is for the purpose of allowing citizens to address the Utility Board. Comments are limited to 4 minutes, total comment period limited to 15 minutes. Any speakers not having the opportunity to be heard will be the first to present at the next Board meeting.)
4. Consideration of Bids/Proposals:
 - a. Willow Creek Fiber Circuit Conduit and Fiber Installation Bids
 - b. SCADA Replacement Project – Proposal Analysis and Recommendations
 - c. SCADA Disaster Recovery Site Construction Project Bids
5. Approval of Professional Services – Burns & McDonnell – CapX2020 Project
6. Agreement for Authorized Representatives of Affected Facilities
7. Revisions to Traffic Signals Rate Tariff
8. General Manager’s Report
9. Management Reports
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

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ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 30, 2013

Members Present: Mr. Williams, Mr. Stahl, Mr. Wojcik, Mr. Reichert and Mr. Browning
Absent: None
Also Present: Mr. Adkins, City Attorney

Board President Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. On behalf of the Utility Board, Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Wilson for her 24 years of service to RPU, the City of Rochester, and the Utility Board where she had served as board secretary for 22 years. Her communications skills and organizational abilities were also highly praised by members of the Board, the City Attorney and the RPU General Manager.
2. Mr. Wojcik moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mr. Reichert.

All voting "AYE"

3. Mr. Stahl moved to approve the accounts payables, seconded by Mr. Reichert.

All voting "AYE"

4. Mr. Williams opened the meeting for comments from the public. Ms. Hanson, RPU Manager of Marketing and External Affairs, introduced Mr. Dru Larson, RPU Key Account Representative, to the Board.
5. Mr. Monson, Facilities Supervisor, appeared before the Board to request that they reject all bids for the construction of the SCADA Disaster Recovery Site Project and authorize staff to re-bid the project following a re-design of the project. He explained in his For Board Action request that staff had reviewed options and identified potential cost savings that could be achieved through modifications of the design. The bid documents (Instructions to Bidders Section 5.5 Evaluation and Acceptance) allow the Board to "reject any and all Bids and to accept the Bid or Bids, in whole or in part, considered in the best interests of the City of Rochester." Mr. Wojcik moved to reject the bids and authorize staff to re-bid the project, seconded by Mr. Reichert.

All voting "AYE"

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to reject all bids for the construction of the SCADA Disaster Recovery Site dated July 18, 2013 and authorize staff to re-bid the project.

6. General Manager's Report.
 - a. Ms. Parker, Director of Corporate Services, presented and discussed the quarterly financial results for the electric and water utilities with the Board.
 - b. Mr. Cook, Acting Field Services Director, provided an update on the Lake Zumbro Restoration Project. The objective of the project is to improve fish and wildlife habitat, increase hydroelectric power potential and provide recreation by dredging approximately 1 million cubic yards of sediment from the lake bed. In 2012, this project was included in the state's bonding bill for \$3 million. In addition to the state, Olmsted County, Wabasha County and RPU are also interested in the project. In March of 2012, the Board directed staff to budget \$170,000 in 2013 and \$1 million in 2014 and work with the other parties involved in the project. The state has not approved its portion of the funding, and the next target date is 2016. Per Lake Zumbro Forever, the total estimated cost of the project is \$10 million, but the groups involved may settle for \$6 million. Mr. Koshire said the Board may be asked to put some of these funds into reserves, but he was not able to say when they would be asked to do this or how much it would be.
 - c. Mr. Rovang, RPU Senior Civil Engineer, provided the Board with an update on the replacement reservoir project. It included discussion of watermain installation and the demolition of the 2.0 million gallon reservoir. The new tank is expected to be finished by September 4.
 - d. Mr. Schlink, Director of Power Resources, showed the Board a picture of the last coal delivery to the Silver Lake Plant on May 28, 2013. Power Resources staff present during the delivery included Todd Pyfferoen, Steve Quandt, Wayne Seim, Wade Reiser, Bob Baier and Terry Greenwaldt. The coal pile should be gone by September.
 - e. Mr. Koshire informed the Board that Minneapolis is considering municipalizing its electric and gas utilities. There will be a hearing before the Minneapolis Council on August 1 for public input on this matter. A study is also being done on this, but the results will not be available until the fall. It could cost billions of dollars to do this.
7. The management reports and financials were discussed.
8. Mr. Reichert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wojcik.

All voting "AYE"

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kathleen Wilson
Secretary

Approved by the Board:

George Williams
Board President

8/27/13
Date

