



MEETING AGENDA – DECEMBER 15, 2020

COMMUNITY ROOM
4000 EAST RIVER ROAD NE
ROCHESTER, MN 55906

4:00 PM

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Dial-In Number: 1-347-352-4853. Conference ID: 267 233 715#.

Call to Order

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Safety Moment**
- 3. Consent Agenda**

1. Public Utility Board - Regular Meeting - Nov 24, 2020 4:00 PM
2. Review of Accounts Payable

NEW BUSINESS

Open Comment Period

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4. Consideration Of Bids

1. Lump Sum and Hourly Power Line Clearance Tree Trimming
Resolution: Lump Sum and Hourly Power Line Clearance Tree Trimming
2. Directional Boring (48th Street SW Project)
Resolution: Directional Boring (48th St SW Project)

5. Regular Agenda

1. 2021 Authorized Depositories
Resolution: 2021 Authorized Depositories
2. Silver Lake Dam Modification Funding
Resolution: Silver Lake Dam Modification Funding

6. Board Liaison Reports

1. RPU Index of Board Policies

7. General Managers Report

8. Division Reports & Metrics

9. Other Business

10. Adjourn

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Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brett Gorden	Board Member	Present	
Tim Haskin	Board Member	Present	
Melissa Graner Johnson	Board Vice President	Present	
Brian Morgan	Board President	Present	
Michael Wojcik	Board Member	Present	

1. Approval of Agenda

1. **Motion to:** approve the agenda as presented

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Wojcik, Board Member
SECONDER:	Melissa Graner Johnson, Board Vice President
AYES:	Brett Gorden, Melissa Graner Johnson, Brian Morgan, Michael Wojcik
AWAY:	Tim Haskin

2. Safety Moment

General Manager Mark Kotschevar spoke regarding Covid-19 and employees working remotely. RPU has trained employees on masking requirements including those who work outside. RPU is fully staffed at this time to meet the needs of the community.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Nov 24, 2020 4:00 PM (Consent Agenda)

1. Public Utility Board - Regular Meeting - Oct 27, 2020 4:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Wojcik, Board Member
SECONDER:	Melissa Graner Johnson, Board Vice President
AYES:	Brett Gorden, Melissa Graner Johnson, Brian Morgan, Michael Wojcik
AWAY:	Tim Haskin

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2. Public Comments Received via Email

Brett Ostby gave this public comment during the meeting:

My name is Brett Ostby. I am a Rochester native, business owner and outdoor recreationalist. I have spent almost 20 years as a mussel biologist studying rivers across the nation.

I join you today to speak in support of the concept of the dam modification at Silver Lake. I will emphasize here my support is for the concept. This is a once in a generation opportunity to reshape the river and park. The proposed concept has the opportunity to address several issues that are geographically coincident.

There is a need to connect the trail system both north/south and east/west. In its present form, the intersection is unsafe and uninviting, especially for children and people with limited mobility. It is a critical corridor for multimodal transportation and a bottleneck in a beloved trail system.

Silver Lake, in its current form, is a sediment filled, substandard recreational resource and low-quality fishery. The dam has resulted in habitat degradation upstream and poorly understood consequences downstream. Negative ecosystem consequences of dams are well documented in the scientific literature.

They include but are not limited to

- alteration of nutrient and sediment dynamics*
- disruption of natural flow conditions to which native biota have evolved*
- water quality degradation*
- barriers to fish migration*
- local extinction of species*
- and local habitat impairment*

During the pandemic, I have spent more time than usual on this reach of the South Fork Zumbro River. I have seen it being used by many different groups- kids on bikes that want to get their feet wet, BIPOC families fishing together and kayakers. All these people are seeking a connection to wild places within the city limits. A series of cascades would be more inviting than a dam surrounded by riprap.

There is much disinformation about this project that needs to be addressed, such as the role Silver Lake plays in flood control. There is other information that needs to be gathered, such as the specific ecosystem benefits and consequences of modifying this dam. We also need to understand park usage and access, especially pertaining to BIPOC and other under-represented communities that comprise Rochester.

I fear this project may suffer a death of a thousand cuts because a sufficiently broad partnership has not yet been formed to move it forward. I suggest we step back and build a more inclusive partnership with our state legislators, state agencies, underrepresented stakeholders, business owners, ecologists and engineers before we get into the details.

I support the city's request to RPU for financial support but implore both the city and RPU to form an inclusive partnership for the purpose of ecosystem restoration and recreational development at the Silver Lake Dam. Partnerships can and do work. They can lead to additional sources of funding, result in creative solutions and compromises, and build community consensus.

Other comments received via email can be found below.

Email received from Ray Schmitz on 11/24/2020; Subject: Silver Lake Dam motion:

Your presumptive motion seems premature and excludes public participation!

As a strictly financial instrument the commitment of a million and half dollars is worth public comment but additionally the dam has become a historic fixture that is replete with memories for many residents and visitors!

The entire conceptual plan for the lake and dam has not had public hearings, nor is there a final financial plan covering the project! The public has been promised a full hearing before this proceeds but, other than the meeting at the fire station, there has been none! There are alternatives that are being proposed, including a less expensive bridge the the engineering firm was prevented from presenting by the park department!

There is no discussion of the needed permits to remove the dam, nor for its replacement structure upstream and planned structures in the river!

The significant potential cost to the taxpayers at a time of fiscal crisis has not been discussed in even broad strokes let alone needed details! The state should not be seen as a funding source nor should city accounts be borrowed against at this time!

Silver Lake Park has been promised a master plan, but none has been completed.

Tax payers approved a multi million funding stream to augment park operations, but here a larger plan is proposed with no budget or funding source!

The park department has been unable to successfully manage native plantings along the shore now they propose a large area of marsh or other feature to be managed!

Accurate or not the public is going to hold RPU accountable for this project, without answers to these questions your motion is not timely!

Thank you for your consideration!

Email received from Ray Phelps-Bowman on 11/24/2020; Subject: Concerns regarding removal of Silver Lake Dam:

To the RPU Board,

I am concerned about the Park Department's plans for remodeling Silver Lake and adding a pedestrian/bike path along the 3 block length of the lake's north side. I believe it would be far less expensive and far more practical to re-landscape existing bike, parking and sidewalk space on 14th Street into a bi-directional bike path and a walking path. This re-landscaping of 14th Street would not require RPU approval.

Adding a pedestrian/bike path along the north shore of Silver Lake requires removal of the Silver Lake dam, and that will require RPU approval. That is why I am writing to you. Removing the dam and remodeling the lake will make a significant change to a major landmark in Rochester. I am concerned with how little information has been available to the public regarding this major change.

As you are considering approving the removal of the Silver Lake dam, I would appreciate it if you would consider the following issues:

- Silver Lake is one part of the very effective flood control system on the Zumbro River. Removing Silver Lake dam eliminates the lake's flood control function. Has the effect of removing Silver Lake from the flood control system been analyzed, especially on its effect on areas "downstream"? Have the appropriate approvals been applied for and received?*

- *An article in Saturday's Post Bulletin is one of the only public mentions I have seen of the Park Department's plan for Silver Lake. In the article it mentions that removing the dam will allow aquatic animals to move freely upstream and spread. It specifically mentions mussels that use fish as a means of transportation. This may be true, but has its significance been addressed and been compared to the significance of the negative consequences of removing the dam?*
 - o *Bear Creek and the Zumbro River at the golf course have dams across them that also limit movement upstream. Are those dams to be removed also? If not, what is special about the 1-2 mile stretch of water between those dams and the Silver Lake dam?*
 - o *As mentioned in the article, multiple species of mussels were found in the river below the dam. Is there any information that says the lake environment as opposed to the river will provide appropriate habitat for these mussels once the dam is removed?*
 - o *If establishing these mussels in Silver Lake is important, have other, less expensive methods been considered? An example would be netting/trapping fish from below the dam and then putting them and the mussels larvae attached to them in Silver Lake.*
 - o *Silver Lake is an artificial body of water on a river that runs through an urban environment. No amount of remodeling will in any way "restore" it or its aquatic animals.*

If we could return to an earlier time, a path along the north side of Silver Lake would be an excellent idea. Unfortunately, there are currently multiple homes built where the appropriate location for such a path would go, and removing the dam to make way for a path closer to the water would eliminate an important piece of the Zumbro River flood control system. Re-landscaping the 3 blocks of 14th Street would provide a less expensive solution to completing the pedestrian/bike path around the lake while preserving Silver Lake's flood control function.

Please do not approve the removal of the Silver Lake dam to accommodate the construction of a pedestrian/bike path around Silver Lake.

Email received from David Morrill on 11/24/2020; Subject: Silver Lake Dam removal questions and statements:

Hi RPU Board members,

I am a 50 year resident of Rochester and my wife Marcia and I have been fortunate to live on the north shore of Silver Lake for over 15 years. I understand you will be discussing the planned changes to Silver Lake at your board meeting.

I have enclosed my responses and questions related to the projects virtual open house currently being conducted by the city Public Works Department. I will be submitting these comments to the project manager prior to the November 25th deadline but wanted to make them available to your board prior to the meeting.

Silver Lake Dam removal questions and statements

David Morrill PE, Civil Engineer and Friends of Silver Lake member

November 23, 2020

Project Information and Options shortfalls

The virtual open house has several conflicting statements and limited project options that could be considered. Some of these are:

- *The endangered species discussion in a preliminary report indicates a likely hood of endangered species in and downstream of the project area. Removing the dam would*

have a greater impact on any rare or endangered species and would require a much greater permitting time and cost implications than the lake sediment removal process only. The impact of endangered and rare species is important to know at the time of alternative selection rather than after a decision has been made

- *Only one option is presented in the virtual open house, the type of pedestrian bridge to build. Rapids construction for recreational use while leaving the dam in place like the Ann Arbor, Michigan river work are not discussed.*
- *The north shore trail option could still be incorporated if the dam is left. Leaving the dam in place should not be presented as preventing improved pedestrian usage. In addition, there are options for improvements within the current 14th street corridor that would enhance pedestrian use and safety that are not discussed as an option.*
- *The purpose of the Silver lake dam conflicts in several locations. The virtual open house states that the dam was built in 1937 “for power generation”. In the dredging report the dam was constructed in 1935 “for recreational opportunities” while in the 2018 Recreational Improvement, the dam was constructed in the 1940’s for power generation. The current RPU board meeting agenda information states the RPU took over the operation of the dam in 1951? It is important to understand the history of the dam, intended purpose of the dam when the city initially authorized construction and the benefits the dam has provided the residents of Rochester and surrounding area prior to deciding its fate based only on closure of the power plant.*

Path Extension design flaws

The cost estimate for the path extension along the north shore of Silver Lake does not include funding for any lighting or fencing. On other sections of the park system trails such as Bear Creek, the paths are lighted for night and early morning use and fences installed where paths are directly adjacent to private property. Will the new section of path be constructed consistent with these design standards and include lighting and fencing?

Increased Maintenance Costs

Many references in the virtual open house information and preliminary reports reference a “reduction in maintenance cost” as a supporting reason for the project. In one spot of the preliminary report there is even a statement about no maintenance with the planned improvements-that is hard to believe.

The estimated maintenance cost for the existing condition is given as \$1.2M for 20 years, or about \$60K/year. There is no annual maintenance cost for the proposed improvements for a 20-year period. I would expect there will be:

1. Maintenance of an additional 2000 In ft of pedestrian path including:
 - Snow removal
 - Seal coating/patching& overlay
 - Board walk repairs
 - Mowing & weed control adjacent to path
 - Repairing north shore trail and boardwalk damage caused by highwater and ice flows
2. New Water Control structure
 - Removal of logs, brush, and debris at the overflow locations

- Annual inspections for compliance with the “new” dam safety permit
 - Inspection and operation of the draw down control device to assure reliability
 - Rip Rap and Rock control structure inspections and erosion repairs
 - Vegetation removal
3. Pedestrian Bridge
- Annual bridge inspection and compliance reporting
 - Snow removal
 - Guard rail and approach repairs including graffiti removal
 - Painting and protective coatings applications
4. General items
- The dam removal will result in additional park lands on the south side of the river that will require maintenance by park staff. The park department recently announced (spring 2020) that they are not able to mow the existing park properties. Is there a proposal to provide this added maintenance for the land created?

The new water pools on the north shore of the river will be added goose habitat and nesting areas. The park department has announced plans to control the goose presence in Silver Lake Park. The proposed dam removal plan conflicts with the parks goals and will require additional funding for the goose control efforts. Is the park department ready to fund these needs?

Public Safety

- The information provided states the dam removal will reduce the current drowning risk; however, no one can recall a drowning occurring on the lake and certainly not within the dam turbulence area referenced. Won't the creation of kayaking and canoeing opportunities adjacent and within rock and boulder structures have a higher greater risk of injury or drowning than the current conditions?
- Over the past several years, the dam gates have been opened to lower the lake level for aid in the search of lost persons. How is elimination of this safety feature addressed by the planned improvements and are the local first responders supportive of losing this life saving feature?

Regulatory reviews- Historic Preservation

- The preliminary report lists several regulatory agencies that will need to review and approve plans or issue permits. I understand the Silver Lake Park is listed as a potential landmark site by the Rochester Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). What is Public works plan to obtain the HPC approval to alter the Silver Lake footprint, destroy stonework from the 1930's and remove a local significant structure, the Silver Lake Dam?

Recreational opportunities restrictions

- The dam removal is supported by the new recreational opportunities created for canoeists, tubers and kayakers using the rapids. First, I do not see any facilities proposed for launching watercrafts and locations for removing them. Are these expenses separate from this project or is it planned to not provide any access points other than up and down the riverbanks?

- The preliminary report states that a minimum river flow of 75 cubic feet/ sec is needed to allow watercraft to float through the rapids while values of over 100 cfs are more desirable for the recreational user. The average river flow data in the report shows that the months of August, September, October, and November have marginal to insufficient flow rates to allow watercraft use of the rapids. That leaves only the warm weather months of May, June, and July when river flow rates are high enough to allow watercraft to use the rapids. This is not presented in the general information the public viewed. This very restrictive recreational river use should not be promoted as a supporting benefit of the dam removal when it is only available for such a short time.

Water Quality concerns

- There is no discussion about water quality in the information presented for review. I am concerned that the elimination of the existing dams leaf gates which are now raised and lowered based upon the river level (flow rate) as well as the blocking of two thirds of the river width by the planned earthen dike will create stagnant waters which will degrade and create odors during the summer months. How is this addressed in the proposed design?
- The promotion of dam removal for recreational purposes is based on increased watersports in Silver Lake. Now, most people feel the water quality of the lake is poor and unacceptable for human contact. Will the improvements proposed also result in water quality suitable for human contact?

Future Sediment Removal restrictions

The city of Rochester is required to clean and maintain the Zumbro river channel under the permit with the federal government. This will continue beyond the 2021- 2022 sediment removal. The existing dam has been an important part of the river cleaning efforts and offers the city the benefit of lowering the river maintenance costs. During the last several river sediment removal projects around city hall, the Silver Lake dam gates have been opened and the river level lowered to facilitate sediment excavation well upstream of the dam. Even for the proposed project, the consultants have determined opening the dam gates to lower the river level for mechanical excavation is the best and safest option and least costly for sediment removal.

There is no information in the reports about the impacts to the city of Rochester when the river level lowering option is gone after the dam is removed. Some of these negative impacts are:

- Increased cost of hydraulic dredging of sediment
- Safety risk to the public when miles of pressurized slurry filled pipeline will be laid on the ground through commercial and residential areas
- Additional lands will need to be purchased and/or dedicated to water settlement ponds to treat the return water
- Increases in costs due to more frequent sediment removal due to loss of sediment storage caused by dam removal and creation of rapids
- Additional time and costs for permitting of hydraulic dredging methods

A review of the future costs and restrictions placed on the city should be completed prior to deciding on the dam removal option.

Email received from Dave Senjem on 11/21/2020; Subject: Silver Lake Dam:

Dear RPU Board Members,

I understand from your Board packet that you will be considering a contribution towards the modification/removal of the Silver Lake Dam an action that will forever negate the city's ability to restore Silver Lake to the masterpiece and crown jewel role it once played in our city's history. I urge you to oppose this action. There is absolutely not one apparent or even speculative nexus between the Silver Lake Dam and RPU's electrical power production and distribution role in the City of Rochester and, in my opinion, it would be totally inappropriate for ratepayer proceeds to be spent for the city's requested purpose.

If the city needs money to restore/refurbish the dam I would urge that it seeks me and others within the Rochester legislative delegation out for state assistance. Getting such assistance is well within the realm of possibility and a far better choice than destroying our lake, one of the richest treasures a Destination Medical Center could every have.

For some of you less familiar with the history of Rochester there was a time when Silver Lake was truly a crown jewel not only for city residents but also the area. Growing up in Hayfield, it was not uncommon that a Sunday drive would take us to Silver Lake and we would not at all be alone. Every great American city including our own Minneapolis and St. Paul have active and vibrant lake activity and their lake environments add enormously to the attractiveness and livability of each city. I have had the opportunity to travel extensively in Germany and I can't think of a single major city that does not value and treasure the richness of their urban lakes.

And so it is, Rochester, Minnesota! Home of Mayo Clinic! Host to over 3 million visitors a year! A city ascribing to be a Destination Medical Center with the assistance of \$585M state authorized dollars to help in the journey. A city known for and striving to be the dominant city in the world for healing patients from around our country and across the globe.

If Rochester, MN truly desires to be a Destination Medical Center and to provide the important patient "off-time" amenities that patients cited in surveys which prompted the decision to proceed with the Destination Medical Center initiative, than I can think of no other amenity more powerful than a welcoming and attractive urban lake to accomplish this goal. People are naturally attracted to water. We seek out water for peace and serenity. We seek out water for reflection, contemplation, and conversation. We seek out water for hope and healing. We seek out water to find our faith in times of grief and sorrow.

We have a Silver Lake and I believe that with a vision and commitment it can and should be a special treasure that serves not only our community but our very significant patient/visitor population. I believe a vibrant and beautiful Silver Lake is essential to the Destination Medical Center vision. I ask you to think very long and hard about the irreversible historically significant decision that you have been asked to make and deny the city's request for funding the Silver Lake Dam project. Rather let's save Silver Lake and make it great rather see our Silver Lake morph into the Lake Shady mess we see as we drive through Oronoco or the long lost Lake Florence in Stewartville.

Again, I believe wholeheartedly that the request before you is a totally inappropriate use of RPU ratepayer money.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

In response to the public comments, Board Member Michael Wojcik stated that ultimately this approval stands with the City Council, but RPU does not have a business reason to continue to maintain an unnecessary dam structure.

4. Consideration Of Bids

1. Engineering Services for Marion Road Substation Duct Bank Project

RPU solicited proposals for design services for the duct bank project connecting the Marion Road Substation to downtown, and received two bids. KFI Engineering, the low bidder at \$703,662, was selected for the project which involves developing an engineering plan to install duct through parks, railroad, roads and river crossings. This project will require collaboration with the water department and Rochester Public Works. The budget for the engineering portion of the project was set at \$775,000 and an additional \$600,000 has been budgeted for project management and inspection services. An additional \$140,732 in contingency funds was requested. Execution of the agreement with KFI Engineering is contingent upon approval by the City Attorney and the RPU General Manager. The design portion of the project is expected to be completed in mid-2021 with construction completed by the end of 2022.

Board Member Michael Wojcik asked what the ends are for the duct project. Engineering Manager Randy Anderton stated the end points are the new Marion Road Substation and the other end points will be entering existing downtown RPU manhole structures and another at a new electric bus termination RPU is currently working on with Mayo Clinic.

President Morgan asked for the rationale behind the \$140,732 in contingency funding. Mr. Anderton cited as rationale U.S. Army Corps of Engineers work to do with river crossings, locates on streets, and the unknowns in the design process on this two-mile segment. Is 20 percent typical for a contingency amount, asked President Morgan? Fifteen to 20 percent is typical, but there will likely be change orders involved in this project due to a lack of exact specifications, said Buyer Mona Hoeft. President Morgan asked about the details of the specifications. Ms. Hoeft said the specifications could be provided.

Board Member Brett Gorden asked what percentage this contingency fee would be of the total project construction. Mr. Anderton didn't have that information ready but said it could be provided.

Resolution: Engineering Services for Marion Road Substation Duct Bank Project

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a professional services agreement with KFI Engineering, subject to final approval by the General Manager and City Attorney, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement for:

Engineering Services for Marion Road Substation Duct Bank Project

The amount of the agreement to be SEVEN HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND AND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO 00/100 DOLLARS (\$703,662.00) and an additional ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO 00/100 DOLLARS (\$140,732.00) contingency fund.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 24 day of November, 2020.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Wojcik, Board Member
SECONDER:	Brett Gorden, Board Member
AYES:	Brett Gorden, Melissa Graner Johnson, Brian Morgan, Michael Wojcik
AWAY:	Tim Haskin

5. Regular Agenda

1. Silver Lake Dam Modification Project

The Board was asked to approve a \$1.24 million contribution to modifications at Silver Lake Dam to be made during the dredging of Silver Lake that would allow RPU to avoid future maintenance costs for the dam. RPU has operated and maintained the Silver Lake Dam, which is owned by the City, since 1951. The proposed modifications would improve safety and environmental features, and provide community enhancements and recreational opportunities. The modifications will address four main needs: dredging to restore portions of the lake, improvements to the dam to reduce maintenance costs, make it safer, and improve fish habitat and recreation, connection of the trails along the north shore and under the bridge, and the addition of a standalone pedestrian bridge to improve safety and accessibility. RPU staff supports the \$1.24 million contribution currently in its 2022 budget. Additional funding will come from the State, DNR and other sources. Final approval of the project will need to come from the City Council on November 30.

General Manager Mark Kotschevar said the board was not being asked to approve the merits of the projects, but rather to decide if \$1.24 million is an appropriate amount to offset the future maintenance costs of the dam.

Vice President Johnson asked why RPU began to operate and maintain the dam, and why we deem it no longer necessary to be in existence in relation to RPU's ability to provide services. Mr. Kotschevar stated the dam was built by the Park Department in 1937 as part of a conservation works project, and operated it until 1951, when a flood occurred, damaging the dam and the abutments to the dam. At that time, the utility board volunteered when it was determined the Park Department did not have sufficient funds to repair the dam, to maintain the dam since RPU was using the dam and lake as a cooling source for unit 1 at Silver Lake Power Plant. This would ensure that RPU would have a continued supply of cooling water. However, when Silver Lake Plant was decommissioned, RPU no longer had a need related to the dam to generate power. Currently it is being operated and maintained to maintain the lake.

Board Member Michael Wojcik stated that there is no business reason for RPU to operate the dam, but it will ultimately cost the utility a lot of money in future maintenance costs. Mr. Kotschevar concurred.

Vice President Johnson said it is not the board's place to debate the merits of the projects, and she is in favor of contributing towards dam modifications now rather than maintaining the dam for 30-40 years. Ms. Johnson disclosed for the record that she owns land downstream from the proposed modification area and hoped it won't affect flood control.

Mr. Wojcik stated that the current structure does not have any flood control purpose and the proposed modifications wouldn't change anything.

President Morgan asked if we have a responsibility to listen to ratepayers if a majority don't want the dam to be removed, and if having more public input might be beneficial to the Board's decision. This decision is revenue neutral to the utility, said Mr. Wojcik, since RPU would be responsible for the costs as long as the structure is there. If the community wants RPU to continue to maintain the structure, it would have nothing to do with power generation, he said.

Board Member Tim Haskin stated he agrees with Mr. Wojcik's statements, and has received strong support from community members regarding the upgrades to the dam. He said putting an end to future maintenance costs is a good use of RPU's money since the dam does not have any generation or benefit to the ratepayers.

Mr. Wojcik made a comparison between the funding of this project and the dredging of Lake Zumbro, a \$1.167 million contribution that was previously approved by the Board. Ratepayers received zero dollars of benefit for funding the dredging of that lake which is not even in Rochester, he said. The Silver Lake Project will have a financial benefit for Rochester residents.

Board Member Brett Gordon said he agreed with Mr. Wojcik's statements and from a business aspect, this is an opportunity for RPU to avoid future maintenance costs.

President Morgan reiterated that he would like to see more public engagement taking place in this process.

2. Resolution: Silver Lake Dam Modification Project

Mr. Wojcik made a motion to amend the original motion on the floor to approve the contribution, to read: BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a contribution of \$1.24 million towards the Silver Lake Dam Modification Project, on the condition that the \$1.24 million be applied to dam removal and no further expense for dam maintenance be attributed to RPU ratepayers. This was seconded by Brett Gordon. Motion passed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Wojcik, Board Member
SECONDER:	Brett Gordon, Board Member
AYES:	Gorden, Haskin, Johnson, Morgan, Wojcik

3. Neighbors Chipping In: Helping, Caring, Sharing

RPU is launching a new charitable round-up style program, called Neighbors Chipping In, to allow customers to volunteer to chip in to provide financial assistance to customers in need. Customers who wish to participate may choose to have their monthly bill rounded up to the next whole dollar, or may choose to contribute a specified monthly amount, such as \$1, \$5, or other amount. RPU is collaborating with Three Rivers Community Action to provide this service. In phase two of the program to be implemented at a later date, customers will be allowed to make a donation of any amount at any time of the year. Customers with delinquent accounts that have completed an application for Energy Assistance through Three Rivers are eligible to receive the funds. The Neighbors Chipping In funds will be allocated after any Energy Assistance funds have been exhausted. The Neighbors Chipping In program

is expected to be implemented in February 2021. Manager of Marketing and Energy Services Patty Hanson stated that RPU will communicate and advertise the program via Facebook, Nextdoor, RPU's Plugged In, the RPU website, on-bill messaging, and on City of Rochester buses. Customers may apply to receive funds using a form on the RPU website, and program brochures and applications will be made available in local businesses, she said.

President Morgan asked about the cost of administering the program through Three Rivers. The administrative costs are minimal, said Ms. Hanson. Advertising will be the larger cost at \$15,000.

President Morgan also asked if Three Rivers provides the administrative services free of charge. There is no up front administrative cost, said Ms. Hanson. A memorandum of understanding between RPU and Three Rivers was developed to specify the terms of the agreement.

General Manager Mark Kotschevar thanked Ms. Hanson and her team as well as Director of Customer Relations Krista Boston for their work in putting this program together.

Resolution: Neighbors Chipping In: Helping, Caring, Sharing

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Three Rivers Community Action, following final review and edits delegated to the General Manager subject to City Attorney approval, to implement the

NEIGHBORS CHIPPING IN PROGRAM

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 24th day of November, 2020.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Wojcik, Board Member
SECONDER:	Brett Gorden, Board Member
AYES:	Brett Gorden, Melissa Graner Johnson, Brian Morgan, Michael Wojcik
AWAY:	Tim Haskin

6. Informational

1. Review of Accounts Payable

No discussion

7. Board Liaison Reports

The next Board policy in line to be revised is the Joint Use of Fixed Facilities and Land Rights policy. Vice President Johnson suggested the board committees continue to address the oldest revised policies, such as the Contribution in Lieu of Taxes and the Electric and Water Bill Adjustment policies. She asked if the Board would then start over on the list and revise the next oldest policies. General Manager Mark Kotschevar replied that would be appropriate, as there are some policies not revised since 2012 and 2014.

1. Debt Issuance Policy

The RPU list of Board Policies currently has a placeholder for the creation of a Debt Issuance Policy. Staff has determined that RPU would not require such a policy, since the City of Rochester has an existing financial policy which includes guidance on debt issuance and all authority to issue debt is vested within the City, and as part of the City, RPU will continue to follow the City policy. The Board was asked to remove the placeholder for the Debt Issuance policy from the index of policies to reduce the likelihood that an RPU and City policy would be in conflict.

Resolution: Debt Issuance Policy

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve the removal of the Debt Issuance Policy (Pending) from the RPU Index of Board Policies.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 24th day of November, 2020.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Wojcik, Board Member
SECONDER:	Melissa Graner Johnson, Board Vice President
AYES:	Brett Gorden, Melissa Graner Johnson, Brian Morgan, Michael Wojcik
AWAY:	Tim Haskin

8. General Managers Report

General Manager Mark Kotschevar reported on the City logo rebranding effort. An image was shared of the preliminary RPU logo. Director of Customer Relations Krista Boston and Manager of Marketing and Energy Services Patty Hanson have represented RPU during the City rebranding workshop meetings. The official logo will be introduced to the entire City organization on December 1st.

RPU is moving forward with a 10 mW solar Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) for the construction of a solar farm. The land purchase is being culminated, which will result in a lower PPA price for the output of the solar energy. Closing on the property should take place in February, and RPU continues to work with the City Attorney's office.

At the November SMMPA Board meeting, the annual election of officers was held. Mr. Kotschevar shared that he was elected president of the SMMPA Board for the next 12 months.

Mr. Kotschevar reminded Board members that the December meeting is an early meeting due to the holidays, and will be held on December 15.

9. Division Reports & Metrics

President Morgan noted that year to date generation metrics are lower, i.e., utilization of generation resources - and asked if that has had much of an impact on the bottom line for the utility. Director of Power Resources Jeremy Sutton said there is lower usage overall, down 10-20 percent on kilowatt sales, and that pushes gas prices down. Gross margin was offset, however, by a hotter than normal summer, he said. Due to decreasing load with impact to generation, the total reduction in gross margin is close to \$3 million, said Director of Corporate

Services Peter Hogan, but overall that number is within what RPU initially projected due to the pandemic.

10. Other Business

President Morgan asked given the number of relatively procedural items on the agenda, if there is value in creating a small consent agenda to move items along during meetings. Vice President Johnson agreed it would be worthwhile for typical items. Board Member Michael Wojcik pointed out that any item can be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Fellow Board members agreed. General Manager Mark Kotschevar suggested the Accounts Payable can also be placed on the consent agenda. The Board will try this next month.

Mr. Wojcik stated he will be leaving the RPU Board at the end of the year and another City Council member will be taking his place. He endorsed Council member Patrick Keane as his potential replacement.

11. Adjourn

The agenda and board packet for Utility Board meetings are available on-line at www.rpu.org and <http://rochestercitymn.igmp2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

Submitted by:

Secretary

Approved by the Board

Board President

Date

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # (ID # 12726)

Meeting Date: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: Review of Accounts Payable

PREPARED BY: Christina Bailey

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES
A/P Board Listing By Dollar Range
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Greater than 50,000 :

SOUTHERN MN MUNICIPAL POWER A	November SMMPA Bill	6,431,685.39
NORTH RISK PARTNERS	Property Renewal Policy 11/1/20-10/31/21	860,210.26
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	October Sales & Use Tax	652,579.59
NORTH RISK PARTNERS	Commercial Property Renewal 11/1/20-10/3	328,262.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS D	October Gas for SLP	172,254.19
EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	EMS Cisco Hardware and Software	167,751.99
LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	General Liability Insurance 11/1/20-10/3	144,661.00
A & A ELECT & UNDERGROUND CON	2017-2022 Directional Boring	120,629.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS D	October Gas CC	52,704.73

Price Range Total:

8,930,738.15

5,000 to 50,000 :

PAYMENTUS CORPORATION	October Electronic Bill Payment Services	49,015.95
CITY OF ROCHESTER	Patching for Water Main Breaks	48,834.01
WRIGHT TREE SERVICE INC	Hourly Tree Removal 2019-2020~	48,711.94
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS D	October Gas WES	45,441.31
SMITH ENGINEERING INC	Reverse Osmosis for Cascade Creek	38,271.00
M K PAINTING INC	Rel Retainage-M K Painting-N.Heights Re-Paint	38,000.00
CENTRAL MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL P	November Capacity	37,400.00
ULTEIG ENGINEERS INC	Marion Rd Sub Proposal (3001,7001,8601)	36,405.50
PW POWER SYSTEMS INC	2EA-Valve, Gas Valve, G2, GFS, SOV1101	34,195.86
NICKELSON PAINTING INC	Paint 4 Transmission Poles	33,000.00
STUART C IRBY CO INC	240EA-Luminaire, Residential, LED, PC, 1	32,832.00
ZIEGLER INC	Fire Alarm Suppression Upgrade DG1 & DG2	29,314.98
GOVERNOR CONTROL SYSTEMS INC	1EA-Valve Gas, G2, GFS, FCV1101, CT11735	27,950.00
DOXIM UTILITEC LLC	November Bill print and mail services	27,268.80
PEOPLES ENERGY COOPERATIVE (P	November Compensable	26,877.56
ULTEIG ENGINEERS INC	Marion Road Q2 Transmission Work	25,547.50
THE ENERGY AUTHORITY INC	November RMA Fee	23,929.32
DOYLE CONNER CO INC (P)	Street Concrete Repairs for Watermain Breaks	23,174.00
WIESER CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC	62EA-T-wall, Concrete	23,109.05
BLUESPIRE STRATEGIC MARKETING	2020-23 RPU Plugged In Contract	22,805.00
FITCH INC	Yearly Relationship Fee	20,000.00
USIC LOCATING SERVICES INC	November 2020 Locating Services	19,821.53
ArchKey Technologies dba	Lobby Card Reader Re-Wire	18,084.32
EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	SCADA Network Vulnerability Test 2020	15,800.00
XCEL ENERGY CORP	CapX2020 O & M Expenditures-July-September	14,697.71
VISION COMPANIES LLC (P)	Consult Service for Strategy, LJ, 100, 200	13,762.50
CENTURYLINK (P)	2018-23 Monthly Telecommunications	13,058.59
S L CONTRACTING INC	Repair Watermain at Shoppes on Maine	12,762.20
WERNER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	5000FT-Conduit, HDPE, 4.00, Empty, SDR 1	12,736.35
STELLA-JONES CORPORATION	15EA-Pole, 50ft, WRC, CL3	12,585.00
KANTOLA CONSULTING	Phase II Customer Mapping	12,240.00
US BANK - VOYAGER	November Fuel	12,112.28
XYLO TECHNOLOGIES INC	2020 IT Helpdesk Support	11,968.00
BAKER TILLY US, LLP	2020 Audit Fees	11,850.00

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51	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	1000EA-Photocontrol, 120V-305V	11,809.68
52	MOTOROLA INC	10EA-Radio, Handheld	11,795.00
53	MOTOROLA INC	10EA-Software package (trunking baud)	11,775.00
54	FRASER CONSTRUCTION INC	Demolition of Well #16	11,750.00
55	SOMA CONSTRUCTION INC	Rock for Break Repairs	11,108.54
56	NORTH RISK PARTNERS	Agency Fee	11,000.00
57	WELLS FARGO BANK ACCT ANALYSI	November 2020 Banking Services	10,967.57
58	AE2S INC	Water Comprehensive Plan	10,593.50
59	STUART C IRBY CO INC	2EA-Trans, PM, 3ph, 75kVA, 13.8/8, 208	10,034.00
60	FRSECURE LLC	Corporate Network Assessment	10,000.00
61	WIESER PRECAST STEPS INC (P)	2EA-Vault, Pulling, 8' x 6' x 6'	9,170.00
62	VERIZON WIRELESS	2020 Cell & Ipad Monthly Service	9,130.34
63	STELLA-JONES CORPORATION	6EA-Pole, 55ft, WRC, CL H1	9,060.00
64	GDS ASSOCIATES INC	MISO Attch O Consulting Service	7,980.00
65	STELLA-JONES CORPORATION	6EA-Pole, 50ft, WRC, CL H1	7,710.00
66	STUART C IRBY CO INC	1EA-Trans, PM, 3ph, 225kVA, 13.8/8, 208	7,573.00
67	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS d	2018-20 Network and Co-location Services	7,099.40
68	SCHWICKERTS COMPANY INC	SLP Unit 4 Turbine Roof and a/c repl	7,071.00
69	UMB BANK	Escrow Refund Airport#97 45-56050	6,942.50
70	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CO	October Gas WES	6,905.80
71	MCNEILUS STEEL INC	Build Truck Box Racking	6,737.56
72	UMB BANK	Escrow Refund Baihly#92 45-56050	6,612.50
73	PLANT & FLANGED EQUIPMENT CO	2EA-Valve, Butterfly, 16"	6,440.00
74	CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	3520FT-Conduit, PVC Sch 40, 3.00	6,381.76
75	SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LAB IN	1EA-Relay, SEL 387-6, 48V DC, Panel	6,300.00
76	CITY OF ROCHESTER	Quarterly Attorney Fees	6,250.00
77	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	Network Assessment on new SCADA	6,095.00
78	ELITE EXTERIOR SOLUTIONS	SLP Building Wash	6,000.00
79	CULVER COMPANY INC	1YR-Public Safety Website for Contractor	5,878.13
80	PREMIER ELECTRICAL CORP dba	Replace Hall Lighting	5,735.00
81	TWIN CITY SECURITY INC	2020 Security Services	5,713.55
82	STUART C IRBY CO INC	1EA-Trans, PM, 3ph, 112.5kVA, 13.8/8, 480	5,624.00
83	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	Foxit Phantom Business License	5,557.50
84	ELEVATE MARKETING SOLUTIONS L	November 2020 Advertising	5,459.00
85	CREDIT MANAGEMENT LP	Jan - October 2020 Third Party Collections	5,392.82
86	MASTEC NORTH AMERICA INC	2020 Joint Trench Directional Boring	5,381.75
87	SLACK PAINTING	Exterior Tower Washing CCM #89	5,250.00
88	SLACK PAINTING	Exterior Tower Washing Arnold's #88	5,250.00
89	SLACK PAINTING	Exterior Tower Washing Golden Hill #91	5,250.00
90	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	12EA-Meter, FM16S CL320 MRV 2-Way	5,247.35
91	GDS ASSOCIATES INC	FERC filing	5,225.00
92			
93		Price Range Total:	1,184,818.51
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95	<u>1,000 to 5,000 :</u>		
96			
97	CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	13000FT-Wire, Copper, 600V, 12-2 Solid w	4,969.80
98	PARSONS ELECTRIC	WES Library Adds for Laptops	4,906.63
99	VIKING ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	1140FT-Conduit, PVC Sch 40, 4.00	4,734.42
100	ROCHESTER GRILL LLC	CIP-Cooling Eq. (C&I)-Incentives/Rebates	4,515.82

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101	BOLTON AND MENK (P)	SLP Roof #7 Upgrade	4,487.50
102	PARAGON DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS I	4EA-Hard drives	4,475.00
103	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CO	October Gas SLP	4,465.18
104	D P C INDUSTRIES INC	2020 Chlorine, 150 lb Cyl	4,393.50
105	HAWK & SON'S INC	Hoist Poles @ SLP	4,237.50
106	PARSONS ELECTRIC	BrightSign Digital Signage	4,207.67
107	WIESER CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC	7EA-T-wall step-up corner, T-wall	4,042.50
108	D P C INDUSTRIES INC	2020 Hydrofluorosilicic Acid - Delivered	4,032.96
109	WILLIAMS DIRECT DRYERS	24 pr Boot Dryer	4,007.79
110	CREST PRECAST INC	9EA-Concrete barrier w/steel pins	3,881.25
111	AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING	Geotechnical Services 11 Ave & Teton Ln	3,850.00
112	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	Completed Tickets	3,609.90
113	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY INC	2800FT-Conduit, PVC Sch 40, 2.00	3,543.12
114	VIKING ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	1000FT-Wire, Copper, 4/0 Str, Bare, 19 S	3,320.88
115	ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES INC	Oil Tests	3,315.00
116	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	1EA-ISR 4331 UC BUNDLE, PVDM4-32	3,307.93
117	ArchKey Technologies dba	Addition of DC Fiber Cable	3,306.71
118	HARRIS ROCHESTER INC (HIMEC)	WES Cooling System Modifications	3,278.95
119	AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING	Geotechnical Services 20th St NW	3,275.00
120	D P C INDUSTRIES INC	2020 Carus 8500 Aqua Mag F35	3,241.20
121	SCHMIDT GOODMAN OFFICE PRODUC	6EA-Chair, Office, Upholstered Arms	3,072.24
122	REGIONAL CONCRETE CUTTING INC	Boom Lift for Pole Cutting @ SLP	3,011.00
123	FORBROOK LANDSCAPING SERVICES	Landscaping Svcs (Electric)	3,008.26
124	BORENE LAW FIRM P.A.	Legal Services-File 3742	2,959.04
125	BOLTON AND MENK (P)	New Cingular SE Tower Modification~	2,887.50
126	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL L	Repair-Engine Light Is On	2,775.17
127	ELITE CARD PAYMENT CENTER	Trng-Robert Frantz CEH 1 Yr	2,775.00
128	MED CITY COLLISION	CIP-Lighting (C&I)-Incentives/Rebates	2,750.00
129	WARTSILA NORTH AMERICA	1EA-Valve, WS-Turbo Impeller Cooling Val	2,741.97
130	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	220GAL-Cable Pulling Lube	2,696.84
131	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	2000FT-Wire, AL, 600V, 4/0-2/0 NEU YS Tr	2,640.26
132	ALLIED VALVE INC	1EA-Rosemount Transmitter for Towers 94 & 96	2,610.00
133	NFRONT CONSULTING LLC	Consulting Services-2020 MISO Forecast	2,517.50
134	US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SEC	Premium Processing Fee	2,500.00
135	STAR ENERGY SERVICES LLC	Nova Power Portal Customer Interconnect	2,458.13
136	TREATMENT RESOURCES INC	2EA-Vac. Reg. 201C5, Adv. Ser.200, 50ppd	2,430.00
137	CLAIMANT	Claim Settlement	2,420.00
138	MIDWEST DRY ICE BLASTING	Cleaned Bus Duct	2,380.00
139	MIDCONTINENT ISO INC	November MISO Fees	2,364.46
140	STUART C IRBY CO INC	36EA-Pedestal Dome Cover, Box Style	2,340.00
141	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	4EA-TV, LED, 65"	2,315.96
142	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	7EA-Cisco Phone	2,282.07
143	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	500FT-Conduit, Corrugated PVC, 3.00	2,271.75
144	NALCO COMPANY LLC	1DRM-Nalco, N356	2,260.79
145	PLANT & FLANGED EQUIPMENT CO	2EA-Megaflange, 16"	2,236.00
146	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CO	Natural Gas CSC	2,197.31
147	L & S ELECTRIC INC	GT1 Lube Oil Motor Rebuild	2,179.61
148	STUART C IRBY CO INC	36EA-Pedestal Base, Secondary, w/o Cover	2,160.00
149	ADVANTAGE DIST LLC (P)	Shop supplies - Fleet	2,096.59
150	KENNEDY & GRAVEN CHARTERED	Legal Services	2,050.27

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151	NALCO COMPANY LLC	1DRM-Sur-Gard 1700 Oxygen Scavenger DEMI	2,038.34
152	IHEART MEDIA dba	October, 2020 Advertising Spots	2,036.00
153	STONE BY STONE PLUS LLC	Concrete Ramp	2,000.00
154	QUADIENT INC	Postage for Meter	2,000.00
155	JOHNSON PRINTING CO INC	Printing RPU 2021 Calendar	1,971.84
156	UNITED RENTALS INC	Mini Excavator	1,925.67
157	ELITE CARD PAYMENT CENTER	Trng-Shaun Hall Infared Appl Level 1	1,895.00
158	SCHMIDT GOODMAN OFFICE PRODUC	6EA-Chair, Mesh back, Side	1,840.92
159	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	2EA-Wireless access point (external ante	1,808.66
160	KNXR - FM	November Ads	1,800.00
161	RESCO	15EA-Crossarm, Fiberglass, 8'	1,792.20
162	PREMIER ELECTRICAL CORP dba	Add Emergency Lighting	1,750.70
163	CITY OF ROCHESTER	Workers Comp Payments-Upon Request	1,721.71
164	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	WS Netural conductor terminations	1,689.70
165	CONCAST INC	12EA-Guide posts, 7.5"	1,657.26
166	ELITE CARD PAYMENT CENTER	Trng-Rick Luckadoo-CEH Custom Online Bundle	1,653.00
167	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CO	October Gas CC	1,647.18
168	VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	November 2020 GPS Fleet Tracking	1,620.56
169	LINDBERG CHARLINE	CIP-AirSrc Heat Pumps-Incentives/Rebates	1,605.00
170	STUART C IRBY CO INC	24EA-Pedestal Dome Cover, Box Style	1,560.00
171	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	1000FT-Wire, 18 ga, 600V 7/C Control CB	1,553.42
172	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	15EA-Conn, Shear, Lug, 350-750 AL/CU	1,527.14
173	BOLTON AND MENK (P)	Antenna Review TMOB Golden Hill #91	1,522.00
174	US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SEC	H-1 Fee for H-1B Extension	1,500.00
175	CENTRAL STATES GROUP	5EA-Filter, After filter Element, #30325	1,490.91
176	AMARIL UNIFORM COMPANY	7EA-Sweatshirt, FR, Hi-vis, Crew Neck	1,488.77
177	CITY OF ROCHESTER	Medical Services	1,407.00
178	U S POSTMASTER	Yearly PO Box Fee	1,390.00
179	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	2020 Network maintenance services	1,378.00
180	EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	8EA-DI Vessels, Anion CC	1,325.25
181	NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	6 Month Inspection	1,304.95
182	CITY OF ROCHESTER	Oct 2020 Workers Comp Fees	1,282.00
183	NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	PM GTI & DeltaV room FPS	1,269.00
184	ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR CO INC	2020 Pick Up Services	1,268.87
185	WSB & ASSOCIATES	Wetland Delineation & Mitigation Plan	1,255.25
186	PARAGON DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS I	8EA-Additional Memory	1,250.00
187	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	120EA-Conn, CRP Lug, 4/0-500 Str AL/CU,	1,237.20
188	WSB & ASSOCIATES	Surveying Services	1,207.50
189	SOMA CONSTRUCTION INC	Superior Order to Track 2020 Main Breaks	1,202.46
190	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENTS CO	#1 Sump pump	1,200.00
191	HATHAWAY TREE SERVICE INC	Large Load into Brush Dump	1,200.00
192	OPTIV SECURITY INC	2020-2021 J-Care Support	1,195.67
193	ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC	Weldment	1,184.74
194	CORPORATE WEB SERVICES INC	2019 -20 Website Services	1,138.50
195	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	2EA-Network interface module-FXS, FXS-E	1,133.96
196	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	WS Netural Conductor	1,131.41
197	MOTOROLA INC	10EA-Programming Fee	1,125.00
198	ESA SERVICES	CIP-Cooling Eq. (C&I)-Incentives/Rebates	1,119.80
199	HELP SYSTEMS LLC	Renewal Maintenance GoAnywhere	1,105.92
200	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL L	Cylinders	1,091.40

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201	BOLTON AND MENK (P)	TMobile Viola #98 Review	1,080.38
202	EXPRESS SERVICES INC	2020 Seasonal Staff Facilities	1,071.60
203	WARTSILA NORTH AMERICA	1EA-Prechamber Pressure Test Device	1,069.62
204	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1EA-Tablet, iPad Pro	1,068.78
205	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	12EA-Conn, Trans, 1/0-1000, 6-Tap, Bare	1,064.76
206	BOLTON AND MENK (P)	TMOB North Park Telecom Modifications	1,050.00
207	OPEN ACCESS TECHNOLOGY	November webSmart Tag User ID's(10)	1,047.16
208	STUART C IRBY CO INC	16EA-Pedestal Dome Cover, Box Style	1,040.00
209	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	5EA-Cutout Door, 12A ELF, 15KV	1,035.05
210			
211		Price Range Total:	254,821.14
212			
213	<u>0 to 1,000 :</u>		
214			
215	REBATES	Summarized transactions: 86	17,652.14
216	Customer Refunds (CIS)	Summarized transactions: 69	10,597.48
217	BOLTON AND MENK (P)	Summarized transactions: 17	7,914.40
218	EXPRESS SERVICES INC	Summarized transactions: 8	6,840.43
219	ELITE CARD PAYMENT CENTER	Summarized transactions: 39	6,434.55
220	CORE & MAIN LP (P)	Summarized transactions: 17	4,940.83
221	FIRST CLASS PLUMBING & HEATIN	Summarized transactions: 16	4,381.54
222	STUART C IRBY CO INC	Summarized transactions: 9	4,336.02
223	VIKING ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	Summarized transactions: 38	4,132.29
224	CITY LAUNDERING COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 35	4,118.37
225	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	Summarized transactions: 26	3,857.10
226	MOTOROLA INC	Summarized transactions: 15	3,839.02
227	EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	Summarized transactions: 12	3,656.66
228	AMAZON.COM	Summarized transactions: 32	3,421.92
229	AMARIL UNIFORM COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 23	3,199.52
230	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	Summarized transactions: 12	3,181.38
231	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS L	Summarized transactions: 17	2,856.47
232	WARTSILA NORTH AMERICA	Summarized transactions: 15	2,766.82
233	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 11	2,705.74
234	GRAINGER INC	Summarized transactions: 24	2,557.21
235	U S A SAFETY SUPPLY	Summarized transactions: 17	2,474.96
236	MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 35	2,412.98
237	CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	Summarized transactions: 27	2,304.77
238	RESCO	Summarized transactions: 11	2,191.29
239	WERNER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	Summarized transactions: 40	2,029.02
240	VEIT DISPOSAL SYSTEMS	Summarized transactions: 2	1,881.00
241	WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	Summarized transactions: 17	1,878.96
242	WERNER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	Summarized transactions: 6	1,853.41
243	ON SITE SANITATION INC	Summarized transactions: 4	1,810.65
244	NEXT DOOR	Summarized transactions: 2	1,666.00
245	POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC	Summarized transactions: 12	1,635.88
246	ROCH SAND & GRAVEL INC	Summarized transactions: 2	1,580.85
247	NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 14	1,323.41
248	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	Summarized transactions: 12	1,277.01
249	G A ERNST & ASSOCIATES INC	Summarized transactions: 4	1,179.00
250	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CO	Summarized transactions: 5	1,137.81

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251	POLLARDWATER dba	Summarized transactions: 9	1,137.77
252	MIRATECH GROUP LLC	Summarized transactions: 3	1,134.80
253	ROCHESTER CHEVROLET CADILLAC	Summarized transactions: 7	1,105.32
254	MODEM EXPRESS INC	Summarized transactions: 4	1,090.00
255	EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	Summarized transactions: 5	1,072.38
256	WARNING LITES OF MN INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 2	1,071.00
257	CENTURYLINK	Summarized transactions: 2	1,061.79
258	LEKATZ CARTER	Summarized transactions: 4	1,057.29
259	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	Summarized transactions: 41	1,051.22
260	NUVERA	Summarized transactions: 2	1,029.75
261	PLANT & FLANGED EQUIPMENT CO	Summarized transactions: 3	1,025.20
262	INSPEC INC.	Summarized transactions: 2	1,000.00
263	PREMIER ELECTRICAL CORP dba	Summarized transactions: 1	973.39
264	SYSTEM OPERATIONS SUCCESS INT	Summarized transactions: 1	950.00
265	USA BLUE BOOK DBA	Summarized transactions: 4	933.43
266	A T & T	Summarized transactions: 1	908.35
267	SUNBELT RENTALS	Summarized transactions: 1	906.86
268	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL L	Summarized transactions: 2	874.01
269	TECHNIBUS INC	Summarized transactions: 2	803.89
270	WARNING LITES OF MN INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 3	795.84
271	CENTURYLINK (P)	Summarized transactions: 4	781.58
272	FOLKERT JOHN	Summarized transactions: 3	773.54
273	OPERATION TECHNOLOGY INC	Summarized transactions: 3	758.13
274	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	Summarized transactions: 3	752.62
275	MISSISSIPPI WELDERS SUPPLY CO	Summarized transactions: 16	749.06
276	PW POWER SYSTEMS INC	Summarized transactions: 4	740.49
277	MAILE ENTERPRISES INC	Summarized transactions: 2	740.19
278	HAWK & SON'S INC	Summarized transactions: 1	732.50
279	J B CONTROLS INC	Summarized transactions: 2	719.78
280	JENNINGS, STROUSS & SALMON PL	Summarized transactions: 2	705.00
281	WINKELS ELECTRIC INC	Summarized transactions: 2	701.50
282	CITY LAUNDERING COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 5	696.40
283	TOKAY SOFTWARE dba	Summarized transactions: 2	674.00
284	TRUCKIN' AMERICA	Summarized transactions: 1	673.30
285	A & A ELECT & UNDERGROUND CON	Summarized transactions: 1	660.50
286	SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 1	655.64
287	BEES INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LLC	Summarized transactions: 3	644.31
288	POWER MONITORS INC	Summarized transactions: 1	641.25
289	CRC COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENT	Summarized transactions: 3	625.53
290	FASTENAL COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 9	623.21
291	VIOLA NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE	Summarized transactions: 2	604.10
292	BOB THE BUG MAN LLC	Summarized transactions: 1	577.12
293	BADGER METER INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 3	541.56
294	PROPERTY TAXES OLMSTED COUNTY	Summarized transactions: 3	531.00
295	S and S Supplies & Solutions	Summarized transactions: 2	527.98
296	CONCAST INC	Summarized transactions: 3	526.82
297	PEOPLES ENERGY COOPERATIVE	Summarized transactions: 2	497.93
298	BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY (P)	Summarized transactions: 1	496.00
299	ARNOLDS SUPPLY & KLEENIT CO (Summarized transactions: 8	488.59
300	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 7	484.71

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301	ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC	Summarized transactions: 3	479.80
302	FIRST SUPPLY (P)	Summarized transactions: 1	474.36
303	INGERSOLL RAND COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 2	465.37
304	JOHN HENRY FOSTER MN INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 4	465.15
305	FEDEX SHIPPING	Summarized transactions: 23	464.40
306	ELECTRICAL TRAINING ALLIANCE	Summarized transactions: 2	462.21
307	US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SEC	Summarized transactions: 1	460.00
308	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC	Summarized transactions: 1	443.19
309	GARCIA GRAPHICS INC	Summarized transactions: 2	437.50
310	WIESER PRECAST STEPS INC (P)	Summarized transactions: 2	427.44
311	CITY OF ROCHESTER	Summarized transactions: 6	421.40
312	VERIZON WIRELESS	Summarized transactions: 2	416.73
313	PARAGON DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS I	Summarized transactions: 3	410.12
314	WIESER CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC	Summarized transactions: 2	406.25
315	STATUS INSTRUMENTS INC	Summarized transactions: 2	402.03
316	INNER TITE CORP	Summarized transactions: 3	393.67
317	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY INC	Summarized transactions: 3	393.22
318	MASTEC NORTH AMERICA INC	Summarized transactions: 1	392.00
319	SNAP ON INDUSTRIAL	Summarized transactions: 1	390.77
320	ROCH WELDING INC	Summarized transactions: 2	371.39
321	McGRANN SHEA CARNIVAL STRAUGH	Summarized transactions: 1	365.00
322	FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 3	364.51
323	MN DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	Summarized transactions: 4	350.00
324	SCHMIDT GOODMAN OFFICE PRODUC	Summarized transactions: 2	337.78
325	MENARDS ROCHESTER NORTH	Summarized transactions: 9	324.54
326	BECKLEYS OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	Summarized transactions: 1	316.32
327	PEOPLES ENERGY COOPERATIVE	Summarized transactions: 1	308.55
328	RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY (P)	Summarized transactions: 1	304.38
329	HELP SYSTEMS LLC	Summarized transactions: 2	298.94
330	WINKELS ELECTRIC INC	Summarized transactions: 2	292.50
331	SOLID WASTE OLMSTED COUNTY	Summarized transactions: 4	286.20
332	VANCO SERVICES LLC	Summarized transactions: 1	277.38
333	PROCESS MEASUREMENT CO	Summarized transactions: 2	272.57
334	HARMONY ENTERPRISES INC	Summarized transactions: 1	262.50
335	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	Summarized transactions: 2	251.88
336	SHONES JACOB	Summarized transactions: 1	250.00
337	GOVERNOR CONTROL SYSTEMS INC	Summarized transactions: 1	250.00
338	HAWKINS INC	Summarized transactions: 2	242.04
339	VIKING ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	Summarized transactions: 10	239.64
340	MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 6	235.01
341	MCNEILUS STEEL INC	Summarized transactions: 2	224.88
342	MILESTONE MATERIALS	Summarized transactions: 2	220.75
343	WIDSETH SMITH NOTLING & ASSOC	Summarized transactions: 1	220.00
344	GOODIN COMPANY (P)	Summarized transactions: 2	217.62
345	CORPORATE WEB SERVICES INC	Summarized transactions: 1	214.34
346	ASTLEFORD INTERNATIONAL	Summarized transactions: 1	210.61
347	ABRASIVES INCORPORATED	Summarized transactions: 4	204.48
348	ALL SEASONS POWER & SPORT INC	Summarized transactions: 2	203.85
349	REBATES	Summarized transactions: 6	200.00
350	MN VALLEY TESTING LABS INC	Summarized transactions: 1	195.00

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351	BATTERIES PLUS	Summarized transactions: 7	187.51
352	NALCO COMPANY LLC	Summarized transactions: 5	182.43
353	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS D	Summarized transactions: 1	154.47
354	FRONTIER	Summarized transactions: 1	147.64
355	RONCO ENGINEERING SALES INC	Summarized transactions: 1	146.79
356	PROPERTY RECORDS OLMSTED COUN	Summarized transactions: 3	146.00
357	SOUND AND MEDIA SOLUTIONS	Summarized transactions: 1	144.28
358	REINDERS INC	Summarized transactions: 1	136.80
359	MENARDS ROCHESTER NORTH	Summarized transactions: 4	130.63
360	OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF OLM CO DB	Summarized transactions: 1	120.23
361	CITY OF ROCHESTER	Summarized transactions: 2	120.00
362	BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING CO	Summarized transactions: 3	116.30
363	ELITE CARD PAYMENT CENTER	Summarized transactions: 1	110.27
364	CENTER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRON	Summarized transactions: 1	108.00
365	KRUSE LUMBER	Summarized transactions: 2	105.36
366	TREATMENT RESOURCES INC	Summarized transactions: 2	99.45
367	KAESER COMPRESSORS INC.	Summarized transactions: 2	98.52
368	VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	Summarized transactions: 2	98.05
369	MALLOY ELECTRIC dba	Summarized transactions: 2	98.04
370	HALL SHAUN	Summarized transactions: 1	96.60
371	MENARDS ROCHESTER SOUTH	Summarized transactions: 2	96.11
372	NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	Summarized transactions: 3	90.19
373	MENARDS ROCHESTER SOUTH	Summarized transactions: 3	89.84
374	NORTHERN / BLUETARP FINANCIAL	Summarized transactions: 2	85.97
375	SLEEPY EYE TELEPHONE CO	Summarized transactions: 1	84.76
376	ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION	Summarized transactions: 1	75.00
377	ULINE	Summarized transactions: 2	67.46
378	MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY TRAC	Summarized transactions: 1	65.64
379	THOMAS TOOL & SUPPLY INC	Summarized transactions: 2	62.48
380	PETERSON ZACHARY	Summarized transactions: 1	60.00
381	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP ROCHESTER	Summarized transactions: 2	57.99
382	JASPER ENGINEERING & EQUIP CO	Summarized transactions: 2	53.69
383	WERNER ELECTRIC SUPPLY (P)	Summarized transactions: 1	45.29
384	NICK ANDERSON	Summarized transactions: 1	43.70
385	ZIEGLER INC	Summarized transactions: 1	43.28
386	SARGENTS LANDSCAPE NURSERY IN	Summarized transactions: 4	33.84
387	CENTRAL FINANCE OLMSTED COUNT	Summarized transactions: 1	33.74
388	A T & T MOBILITY	Summarized transactions: 1	32.40
389	STAR ENERGY SERVICES LLC	Summarized transactions: 1	28.75
390	WATER SYSTEMS COMPANY	Summarized transactions: 5	27.30
391	CENTRAL STATES GROUP	Summarized transactions: 1	26.81
392	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CO	Summarized transactions: 1	23.91
393	NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIA	Summarized transactions: 1	23.72
394	ALLIED VALVE INC	Summarized transactions: 1	22.60
395	FEDEX SHIPPING	Summarized transactions: 2	22.20
396	L & S ELECTRIC INC	Summarized transactions: 1	22.02
397	GREAT RIVER ENERGY	Summarized transactions: 1	21.17
398	RIESS DANIEL	Summarized transactions: 1	20.00
399	ARROW ACE HARDWARE (P)	Summarized transactions: 1	19.98
400	PETERSON CAMERON	Summarized transactions: 1	13.39

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401	UNITED RENTALS INC	Summarized transactions: 1	13.23
402	CHS ROCHESTER	Summarized transactions: 2	11.00
403	WESTENDORF KRAIG	Summarized transactions: 1	8.65
404	MCFARLAND JESSE	Summarized transactions: 1	6.79
405	ZIEGLER INC	Summarized transactions: 1	6.08
406	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	Summarized transactions: 1	2.62
407			
408		Price Range Total:	191,840.76
409			
410			
411		Grand Total:	10,562,218.56

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FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # (ID # 12713)

Meeting Date: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: Lump Sum and Hourly Power Line Clearance Tree Trimming

PREPARED BY: Mona Hoeft

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Sealed bids were received on December 1, 2020 for both hourly and lump sum power line tree clearance services. The results are as follows:

Hourly:

Contractor	Evaluated Total
Wright Tree Service, Inc.	\$614,248.50
Asplundh Tree Expert LLC	\$612,468.50

Lump Sum:

Circuit	Asplundh	Wright	New Age
301	\$ 66,064.00	\$ 93,304.52	\$ 89,007.00
303	No bid	\$373,058.48	\$174,440.00
405A	No bid	\$620,817.31	\$142,776.00
405B	No bid	\$ 75,765.74	\$ 79,415.00
614	No bid	\$487,011.51	\$247,710.00
813	No bid	No bid	\$367,970.00

Hourly crews perform day-to-day type work throughout the City based on customer requests, storm work or other areas impacted by special projects. Hourly bids are solicited and evaluated based on estimated labor and equipment hours for several types of equipment used in the tree clearing operations. This time around, Asplundh Tree Expert is the lowest evaluated bidder at \$612,468.50. The hourly contract is for a term of five years beginning January 1st, subject to rate negotiation after the first year.

Circuits for lump sum work are chosen based on RPU's maintenance cycle and include a fixed price for the trimming portion, plus a not to exceed price for tree removals within the easement. Trees outside the easement that would benefit RPU if removed would be done by change order, resulting in an increase to the contract. Lump sum work will be completed by the end of November.

The RPU team is seeking approval for services as follows: Asplundh, **\$678,532.50**, hourly and circuit 301, Wright's, **\$75,765.74**, for circuit 405B and New Age, **\$932,896**, for circuits 303, 405A, 614 and 813. All awards are issued on a not to exceed basis, plus applicable tax.

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All bidders submitted responsive bids, met the proposal requirements and have performed well in the past.

The RPU team will prioritize work authorizations within constraints of the \$1,600,000 budget and available time resources.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a resolution for tree trimming services, subject to available budget, as follows: 1) Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for \$678,532.50, 2) Wright Tree Service, Inc. for \$75,765.74, 3) New Age Tree Service of MN for \$932,896.00. All awards are subject to applicable tax.



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a contract agreement, subject to available budget, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement for:

LUMP SUM AND HOURLY POWER LINE CLEARANCE TREE TRIMMING

The amount of the contract agreement to be as follows: Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$678,532.50), Wright Tree Service, Inc. for SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$75,765.74), and New Age Tree Service of MN for NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$932,896.00).

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 15th day of December, 2020.

President

Secretary

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # (ID # 12409)

Meeting Date: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: Directional Boring (48th Street SW Project)

PREPARED BY: Mona Hoeft

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Back in September, staff sought bids for directional boring along the edge of the right-of-way for 48th Street SW as part of a feeder extension project. Since the project was bid, staff has had discussions with the developer of the subdivision this extension will initially serve and the developer, R&M Development, has agreed verbally to provide RPU with an open trench for the installation of our facilities along their developments portion of the project. Staff is requesting the board reject all bids at this time as we continue to look for other construction options for the installation of the remaining facilities.

Staff is working with the property owner to secure an agreement for the mutual benefit of the parties.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a resolution to reject all Directional Boring (48th St SW Project) bids received on September 21, 2020.



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a resolution to reject all bids for Directional Boring (48th St SW Project) received by Rochester Public Utilities on September 21, 2020.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 15th day of December, 2020.

President

Secretary

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # (ID # 12733)

Meeting Date: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: 2021 Authorized Depositories

PREPARED BY: Peter Hogan

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Each year the Board must pass a resolution authorizing the depositories for Utility monies. The Utility uses the same depositories as the City and follows the investment policies established by the City. The attached resolution shows the depositories to be used by RPU for investment activities for the calendar year 2021.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached resolution.



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, that the following banks, authorized to do business in Minnesota, are the designated depositories for the demand deposit accounts and temporary investment of funds of Rochester Public Utilities, City of Rochester, Minnesota, within the limits established by the City of Rochester, for the term commencing January 1, 2021 through the 31st day of December, 2021.

US Bank

Wells Fargo

Bayerische Landesbank

The above depositories, and any added during the term by the City Finance Director, shall pay interest at such rates or rates, per annum, as may be mutually agreed upon by Rochester Public Utilities and the respective depository at the time such deposits and investments are made.

The depository shall pay on demand all deposits subject to payment on demand, with accrued interest, and pay on demand all time deposits with accrued interest, at or after maturity.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 15th day of December, 2020.

President

Secretary

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # (ID # 12731)

Meeting Date: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: Silver Lake Dam Modification Funding

PREPARED BY: Mark Kotschevar

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

At the November 24, 2020 meeting, the board passed a resolution contributing \$1.24 million towards the City's proposed Silver Lake Dam Modification project. Attached is the resolution language that was passed. Subsequent to passing the resolution, a question was raised as to the intent and if the resolution language only committed funds necessary for the removal of the dam, which is estimated at \$350,000. Staff's recommendation was to approve a contribution equal to the present value of the estimated avoided maintenance expenses for the dam over the next 20 years. This was in recognition of those expenses no longer being funded through electric rates if the dam was removed. The intent was to contribute the total value received from a project that resulted in the removal of the dam and future maintenance expenses. It was not intended to fund a particular line item in the total project cost estimate. To provide additional clarification as to the Board's intent, staff is recommending the Board approve a new resolution. The city attorney has reviewed this new language and believes it provides the necessary clarification.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a new resolution further clarifying the intent of the \$1.24 million contribution to the Silver Lake Dam Modification project.



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a contribution of \$1.24 million towards the Silver Lake Dam Modification Project, on the condition that the \$1.24 million be applied to dam removal and no further expenses for dam maintenance be attributed to RPU ratepayers.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 24th day of November, 2020

President

Secretary



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a contribution of \$1.24 million towards the Silver Lake Dam Modification Project, contingent on the final project resulting in the removal of the existing dam with no further maintenance expenses attributed to RPU ratepayers.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 15th day of December, 2020.

President

Secretary

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # (ID # 12748)

Meeting Date: 12/15/2020

SUBJECT: RPU Index of Board Policies

PREPARED BY: Christina Bailey

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES		
INDEX OF BOARD POLICIES		
	REVISION DATE	RESPONSIBLE BOARD COMMITTEE
BOARD		
1. Mission Statement	6/26/2012	Policy
2. Responsibilities and Functions	3/27/2012	Policy
3. Relationship with the Common Council	2/28/2012	Policy
4. Board Organization	3/27/2018	Policy
5. Board Procedures	3/27/2012	Policy
6. Delegation of Authority/Relationship with Management	7/24/2018	Policy
7. Member Attendance at Conferences and Meetings	12/18/2018	Policy
8. Board Member Expenses	12/18/2018	Policy
9. Conflict of Interest	11/26/1985	Delete
10. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs	7/28/1988	Delete
11. Worker Safety	3/27/2012	Policy
CUSTOMER		
12. Customer Relations	4/30/2019	Ops & Admin
13. Public Information and Outreach	4/30/2019	Communications
14. Application for Service	7/1/2016	Ops & Admin
15. Electric Utility Line Extension Policy	3/28/2017	Finance
16. Billing, Credit and Collections Policy	12/17/2019	Finance
17. Electric Service Availability	10/29/2019	Ops & Admin
18. Water and Electric Metering	6/26/2018	Ops & Admin
19. Electric & Water Bill Adjustment	3/10/1994	Finance
20. Rates	7/25/2017	Finance
21. Involuntary Disconnection	4/24/2018	Communications
ADMINISTRATIVE		
22. Acquisition and Disposal of Interest in Real Property	12/19/2017	Ops & Admin
23. Electric Utility Cash Reserve Policy	1/28/2020	Finance
24. Water Utility Cash Reserve Policy	1/28/2020	Finance
25. Charitable Contributions	6/25/2019	Communications
26. Utility Compliance	10/24/2017	Communications
27. Contribution in Lieu of Taxes	6/29/1999	Finance
28. Joint-Use of Fixed Facilities and Land Rights	10/8/1996	Ops & Admin
29. Customer Data Policy	10/9/2014	Communications
30. Life Support	9/24/2019	Communications
31. Electric Utility Undergrounding Policy	9/29/2020	Ops & Admin
Red - Currently being worked on		
Yellow - Will be scheduled for revision		