

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kenyon Municipal Utility Commission was duly held in the City Hall conference room at 6:08 p.m. on the 19th day of June 2010. The following members were present: Commissioners Michael Engel and Richard Nielsen. Absent: Chairman Scott Swenhaugen. Also present was Operations Superintendent Randy Eggert.

AGENDA

Motion by Nielsen, second by Engel to adopt agenda as printed. Approved 2-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Nielsen, second by Engel to adopt consent agenda without the approval of checks and May financial reports pending more information. Approved 2-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Generation Operating Report

No generation for May. At the CMMPA board meeting today there was a discussion concerning KMU being able to use the generators in the same manner they have in the past due to a proposed regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency on diesel generation. After some research Engel believes that it is only a proposed ruling open for public comment through August 9. Eggert will speak with Ziegler for more information.

CMMPA updates

Eggert reviewed the CMMPA board meeting held in Kenyon today.

1. Steve Thompson was offered the CEO full-time position to replace consulting CEO Bob Schulte. Larry Blaine, currently the CFO as a consultant, was offered a full-time position with CMMPA. Also, Paul Leland, the current utility manager at Blue Earth has been offered a full-time IT position for CMMPA.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Leak Repairs

Randy reported that there were a couple of water leaks that were taken care of in the last month. One was a water gate valve that was leaking on the intersection of Forest and Seventh Street. They did not have to change out the valve, but changed out the bolts on the packing gland, and the bolts on the top of the bonnet of the valve, which were most likely rusted away from electrolysis or high acid in the sole. The other one was on a new service that the contractor and home owner were disputing on who would dig up and fix. KMU had a contractor dig and fix the leak, and KMU will be billing the home owner. He and the contractor can work it out on who is responsible for what. Both areas will need black top repairs.

Medical Insurance Renewal

The personnel committee for the City met concerning the July 1 renewal of employees' Health Partners medical plan and has recommended changing to a plan that would pay 80% after the deductible has been met. If an employee wishes to retain the 100% coverage, he/she would be responsible to pay the difference in premiums between the two plans. Motion by Nielsen, second by Engel to accept the recommendation of the personnel committee, which would be the same medical plan as the City employees. Approved 2-0-0. The commission would like to be involved in personnel committee meetings in the future if the concerns also include KMU employees.

OTHER

Commissioner comments

Engel wondered why a KMU representative used to be involved in the personnel decisions, but has not continued to be the case. He expressed concern over other issues with the same situation. Commission discussed solutions to making sure policies and other issues are carried over from year to year.

Eggert noted that representatives from Xcel Energy will be at the July commission meeting to talk about energy supplies.

There being no further business, Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Sue Dodds, Bookkeeper

Richard Nielsen, Acting Chairman

Randy Eggert, Operations Superintendent