

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, May 16th, 2023
Date

Regular Meeting

Kristin Johnson
President

Members Present:

Kristin Johnson, President
Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner
Jay Lutz, Commissioner
Steve Greenman, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director
Marc Oleson, Information Technology Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager
Kelly Lady, Marketing & Energy Services Manager
Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor

Members Absent:

Tom Baudler, Commissioner

President Kristin Johnson called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 18th, 2023. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Approved unanimously.

President Kristin Johnson presented a \$500 scholarship award to Nora Tweeten. Nora was the winner of the AU-MMUA scholarship for 2023. A \$1,000 scholarship award was also presented to Mitchel Johnson. Mitchel was the winner of the AU Lineworker and Utility trade scholarship for 2023.

Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, presented an update on AU's financial report from 2022 and the current status of investments and AU's cash reserves. A 2022 net loss of \$2,424,121.80 was largely contributed to a substantial increase in the OPEB liability due to the increase of the employer paid cap on health insurance to \$1200 across the board for single/single +1/family as well as the rapid increase in interest rates & inflation.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented an amendment to the Minnesota Community Energy Natural Gas Supply Agreement. The amendment simply authorizes members to make payments by ACH instead of wire transfer which is how the original contract was worded. Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the amendment as presented. Approved unanimously.

Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director, presented the updated Statement of Safety Policy. The policy will be included in AU's safety manual following the American Public Power Association's newly released 17th edition safety manual. Manuals will be placed in all vehicles and departments at AU. Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approved the Statement of Safety Policy as presented. Approved unanimously.

Marc Oleson, Information Technology Director, provided information on AU converting to Office 365. The change will provide better security and reliability. Phase one of the transition is underway with early adopters. The switch should be complete for all users and applications by the end of the year.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, also updated the Board on the following:

- SMMPA meeting minutes
- Safety committee minutes
- Lobby hours changing July 1st
- Dave Maloney disability/retirement
- Ann Christianson retirement notice for March 2024
- MMUA regional workshop at AU June 7th

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, June 13th due a scheduling conflict on the third Tuesday.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:10 pm.

President

Secretary