

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, April 18th, 2023
Date

Regular Meeting

Kristin Johnson
President

Members Present:

Kristin Johnson, President
Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner
Jay Lutz, Commissioner
Tom Baudler, 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:

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 Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 21st, 2023. Approved unanimously.

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

Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor, presented the 1st Quarter Charge-offs for 2023. Residential loss totaled \$23,697.56 and commercial loss totaled \$159.58. Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approved the charge-offs as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Bliese and Taylor Bliese of the Austin Enhancement Group attended the meeting to request a donation to Austin's Freedomfest celebration. After some discussion, moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan to donate \$5,000 to the Austin Enhancement Group. Approved unanimously.

Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, and Craig Popenhagen, CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the 2022 Annual AU Audit. Staff was commended for another clean audit with an unmodified opinion, the highest level of assurance. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Audit and Internal Annual Report and forward to the Austin City Council as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented Resolution No. 327 - Service Territory Extension. Negotiations are ongoing with Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative and AU for the transfer of service area, supported by MN Statutes 216B.37-216B.47, in NW Austin that is currently serviced by FMEC. The resolution declares that AU and the Board of Commissioners will expand service territory when financial and business merits justify the action. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve Resolution No. 327 as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved 5 yeas to 0 nays.

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

- SMMPA
- Safety committee minutes
- Interviewing soon for Communications & Energy Services Manager position
- Pat Donovan retirement party

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, May 16th, 2023.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:14 pm.

President

Secretary