

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, February 16, 2021  
Date

Regular Meeting

Steve Greenman  
President

### Members Present:

Steve Greenman, President  
Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner (via video call)  
Jay Lutz, Commissioner (via video call)  
Tom Baudler, Commissioner (via video call)  
Kristin Johnson, Commissioner (via video call)

### Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager  
Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director (via video call)  
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director (via video call)  
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager (via video call)  
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director (via video call)  
Kelly Lady, Marketing & Energy Services Mgr. (via video call)

### Members Absent:

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President Steve Greenman called the meeting to order. Due to COVID-19 limitations, most Commissioners participated through video call.

Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 19th, 2021. Roll call vote taken and 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. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

President Steve Greenman informed the Commissioners of a conversation he had with Wade Nelson, a local HVAC contractor. Mr. Nelson was concerned AU was performing services for customers that took customers away from his business. President Greenman explained the services AU provides and answered any concerns. Mr. Nelson may attend a Board of Commissioners meeting in the future.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director, presented the distributed generation rate tariffs and the annual qualifying facilities report for 2020. This information is presented to the board annually and the generation rate tariffs are made public through AU's website and a notice in the customer newsletter. Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve the tariffs and report as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented an update on COVID-19 customer arrears and a summary of results from disconnections which were resumed in February after 11 months without disconnecting customers due to COVID-19 financial concerns. A vaccine update for AU employees, categorized as 1c, was also provided.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented a proposed extension of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy. City and County officials have approved the extension for their employees through March of 2021. The extension provides an initial 2 weeks paid leave because you are unable to work or telework due to a need for leave because you are subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or Isolation order related to COVID-19. Have been advised by health care provider to self-quarantine (related to COVID-19) or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking medical diagnosis. Paid leave is at regular rate of pay: Maximum of \$511/day or \$5,110 over 2-week period. AU staff recommends following the City and County and passing the same policy. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approved the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved 4 yeas to 1 nay. Commissioner Lutz voting nay.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Natural gas price increases due to cold weather in the South and Midwest. Historically large increases before the President's day holiday weekend will cost AU several million dollars. AU issued a natural gas peak alert. AU is running the propane plant as much as possible but may need to access cash reserves to cover increased costs.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 16th , 2021.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to adjourn. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:57 pm.

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President

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Secretary