

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm October 18th, 2022
Date

Regular Meeting

Jeanne Sheehan
President

Members Present:

Tom Baudler, Commissioner
Steve Greenman, Commissioner
Jay Lutz, Commissioner
Kristin Johnson, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director
Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director
Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor
Kelly Lady, Marketing & Energy Services Manager

Members Absent:

Jeanne Sheehan, President

Vice President Kristin Johnson called the meeting to order. President Sheehan was not in attendance.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded Jay Lutz, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 20th, 2022. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Tom Baudler, 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 3rd Quarter charge-offs. Total charge-offs were \$97,007.78. This is significantly higher than last year at this time. Staff believes this is due to unpaid balances growing higher during the no disconnect policy during the pandemic. Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the 3rd Quarter charge-offs as presented. Approved unanimously.

Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director, presented bids for AU's AFB Power Transformer project at Murphy Creek. Niagra Power Transformer was the low bidder with a total price of \$1,063,294.00. At the September meeting Commissioners had questions about the differences in firm and non-firm pricing. Staff consulted with DGR engineering and analyzed the differences and factored in price escalations. Niagra remained the low bidder. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the Niagra Power Transformer bid. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the proposed Volunteer Program for AU. Employees volunteering their time with AU approved charitable events would be eligible for extra vacation hours up to 8 hours a year. One hour of vacation time would be awarded for every 2 hours of volunteering. The new program would have a two year time frame and then be reevaluated. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approved the AU Volunteer Program as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented AU's Lineworker and Utility Related Trade Scholarship program. It would offer one \$1,000 scholarship to eligible applicants each year. The winner would be chosen by the Customer Advisory Panel and would be open to all customers of AU including relatives of employees. Commissioners suggested considering existing college students and possibly non-traditional students in the future. Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approved the scholarship as presented. Approved unanimously.

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

- SMMPA board meeting minutes
- Safety committee minutes
- UAW and UFCW negotiations to begin in November.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, November 15th, 2022.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Steve Greenman, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:45 pm.

President

Secretary