

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities

Coldwater Board of Public Utilities
Coldwater, Michigan

May 5, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Any interested person or group may address the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities on any agenda item or on any matter of CBPU concern including items not on the Agenda during the agenda items designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time. Such limitation shall not be less than five minutes unless otherwise explained by the presiding officer, subject to appeal by the Board.

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1-888-475-4499 (Meeting ID: 890 8455 0326), a Participant ID is not required.

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by President Stevens

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Members:
President Stevens, Vice President Ohm, Travis Machan, John Wellet, Terry Whelan

Others:
Director Budd, Nicki Luce, Tom Eldridge

Via Zoom:
Pat Pool, Jodi Shook, Bob Worley, Jim Odneal, Keith Baker, Don Reid, plus one other

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

It was noted that there was no public comment emails received as of 3:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: The items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and its Director and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Board Member or citizen. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and Board action will be taken separately on said item. Those items so approved under the heading "Consent Agenda" will appear in the Board minutes in their proper form.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 31, 2021.
2. Regular Meeting of the Michigan South Central Power Agency Board of Commissioners held March 4, 2021.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. Board of Public Utilities Operation Reports and Financial Statements for March 2021.
2. Bills and Accounts for period ending April 30, 2021.
3. Power Supply Cost Projections.

MOTION: Member Wellet moved that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.

Member Ohm seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“AYE”: Vice President Ohm, Member Machan, Member Wellet, Member Whelan, President Stevens

“NAY”: None

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

VILLAGE OF UNION CITY WITHDRAWAL FROM MSCPA:

Director Budd updated the Board on the tentative agreement to buy out the Village of Union City and divest its participation from the Michigan South Central Power Agency (MSCPA). Formal adoption of the agreement will be presented at a future Board meeting.

MISO CAPACITY AUCTION:

Director Budd shared the 2021/2022 MISO capacity auction results, which had Zone 7 clearing at \$5.00 per MW-day. Last year, Zone 7 cleared at Cost of New Entry (CONE) \$257.53 MW-day. The decrease is a result of a combination of lower peak demand and additional supply.

WILLOWBROOK LAND OFFER:

In order to build additional multi-family housing, the Board discussed the potential sale of 14 acres of property on Willowbrook Road. An offer of \$30,000 an acre was proposed.

MOTION: Member Machan moved to approve selling 14 acres of property on Willowbrook Road for a purchase price of \$30,000 per acre and recommended forwarding the request to City Council for authorization.

Member Ohm seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“AYE”: Member Machan, Member Wellet, Member Whelan, Vice President Ohm, President Stevens

“NAY”: None

Motion carried unanimously.

SOLAR RFP DISCUSSION:

To help with capacity and to meet state requirements for future power supply in green energy, Director Budd detailed possible site options for seeking proposals for the placement of solar on City owned property. The Board agreed to further exploration and to have staff investigate all options.

ASPEN WIRELESS PROGRESS REPORT:

IT Director, Pat Pool, updated the Board on the progress of Phase II of the fiber project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- This month's power cost adjustment is \$.008476. PCA for secondary meters is \$.00873.
- Construction on the Monroe Street rehabilitation project was delayed due to infrastructure conflicts. Work crews will be starting again on May 3rd. Fishbeck has engineered a solution to reroute the new water main around the Frontier communication vaults.
- Plummer's Environmental has been lining 19 different manholes on US-12 ahead of the paving project by MDOT. There will also be two spot repairs made this summer as well.
- Construction on the water main on Sauk River is expected to start May 10th.
- MISO has delayed the decision date again for moving to the 2nd Definitive Planning Phase (DPP2) for the proposed Natural Gas Peaking Plant until late June.
- The Wastewater Department has finished hauling biosolids out of the digesters. Over a million gallons has been land applied at various fields.
- A Notice of Public Hearing will be published in the newspaper regarding upgrades to the water system. A full presentation will be presented by Fishbeck at the June Board meeting.

A thank you note was received from the Children's Museum of Branch County for designing and fabricating "The Pedal Power" exhibit.

A thank you note was received from Lakeland Elementary Readers are Leaders for our donation to their literacy program.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next regular meeting is **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

FY 2021/2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Director Budd reviewed prior year results for each department and presented budget projections and goals for FY 2021/2022.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Member Whelan moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Member Machan seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“AYE”: President Stevens, Vice President Ohm, Member Machan, Member Wellet, Member Whelan

“NAY”: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicki Luce, Secretary
Coldwater Board of Public Utilities