The regular meeting of Kaukauna Utilities Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President, Lee Meyerhofer. Commission members present were Gene Rosin, Tom Driessen, Lee Meyerhofer, John Moore, Tom McGinnis and Brian Paschen. Also present were Paul Van Berkel, City Attorney, Jeff Feldt, Mike Pedersen, Mike Kawula, Kevin Obiala, Ron Roberts and Don Krause from KU. Dave Wardecke from Appleton Coated, Dennis Meyer from Thilmany, Peggy Jesion and Tim Ament from WPPI and Karen Brooks were also present.

It was moved by Brian Paschen, seconded by Gene Rosin to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bill Vanderloop.

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

It was moved by Gene Rosin, seconded by John Moore to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 regular Commission meeting as written.

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

There was no public comment.

Tim Ament, Director of Rates from WPPI, presented the proposed electric rate application to the Commission. Ament explained the three steps in the rate application: revenue requirement, cost of service study and rate design. The application is submitted to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for review which takes 60-90 days. A public hearing is then scheduled prior to implementing the new rates.

It was moved by Gene Rosin, seconded by Tom Driessen to authorize finalization and submittal of the 2008 Electric Rate Study to the Public Service Commission.

Gene Rosin	aye
John Moore	aye
Tom Driessen	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Tom McGinnis	aye
Brian Paschen	aye
	John Moore Tom Driessen Lee Meyerhofer Tom McGinnis

Motion Carried

Kevin Obiala, Water Superintendent, informed the Commission Well #8 recently lost pumping capacity and was shut down. The current pump is 100 HP and is 10 years old. Three bids were received for replacement of the pump, pipe and wire if necessary. The new pump will be 50 HP which will be more efficient.

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Gene Rosin to approve the purchase of a new 50 HP pump (pipe and wire) for Well #8 from Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$24,452.

Roll Call Vote:	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Brian Paschen	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	John Moore	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye

## **Motion Carried**

Jeff Feldt, General Manager, discussed the Employee Use Policy for Technology and the Internet. The current policy has been in place since 1997. Technology advancements over the past eleven years have dramatically changed how Kaukauna Utilities operates as a business. Jeff Feldt introduced the new policy, which is very similar to the City of Kaukauna's policy and asked Commissioners for comments prior to the July meeting. The new policy will be presented for approval at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jeff Feldt reviewed the memo from WPPI with the Commission about an opportunity to participate in the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership. The 25 x 25 goal is to generate 25% of electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by the year 2025. KU already produces up to 20% of total annual energy requirements from hydro power with additional hydro capacity coming on line in the not too distant future with the refurbishment of the John Street plant and the new Badger plant. KU is also moving forward with a partnership in wind turbine generation and installation of solar power systems. In addition KU purchases enough certified green power annually to serve 100% of the load at the warehouse and office facilities. Residential, commercial and industrial customers of KU already purchase 2,500,000 kWh of optional green power annually. When totaled, these renewable energy sources are capable of providing approximately 25% of current Kaukauna Utilities total energy requirements.

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Tom Driessen to support the State of Wisconsin's 25 x 25 goal of generating 25% of electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025.

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

In 2005 KU organizational objectives included evaluation of a Human Resources position. At that time the need was for a part-time (50%) human resource manager. A Manager of Human Resources will help promote a more highly effective organization with respect to financial performance, customer satisfaction and employee motivation.

It was moved by Gene Rosin, seconded by Brian Paschen to authorize the Human Resources Manager position be established at a 2008 salary range of \$62,000 to \$80,000 with a midpoint or market average of \$69,000; and authorize the position to be jointly shared with the City of Kaukauna, subject to approval of the position by the Kaukauna

City Council; and authorize the General Manager to finalize the terms, conditions and percentage allocation basis with the appropriate City staff.

Roll call Vote:	Gene Rosin	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Brian Paschen	aye
	John Moore	aye
	Tom Driessen	ave

Motion Carried

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Tom Driessen to approve the accounts receivable write offs.

Roll Call Vote:	John Moore	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Brian Paschen	aye

**Motion Carried** 

It was moved by Brian Paschen, seconded by Gene Rosin, that checks numbered 37497 through 37863 in the amount of \$4,986,306.15 and check number 508 in the amount of \$93,048.91 be approved for payment.

Roll Call Vote:	Brian Paschen	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	John Moore	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	ave

Motion Carried

The Commission reviewed the monthly reports.

Jeff Feldt told the Commission the 2008 Water Rate Case hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Utility assembly room. The overall increase will be 20%. About 50% of the increase will cover the City's reduction in fire protection, fees due for HOV sewer costs for water filter backwashing and water conservation programs.

Kevin Obiala advised the work at Well No. 9 has been completed with increased capacity from 900 to 1350 gallons per minute. When Well No. 5 work is done and Well No. 8 pump is replaced, KU will have the capacity to pump 4.7 million gallons per day. On average KU customers use approximately 1.6 million gallons each day.

Jeff Feldt indicated the John Street Development project with Tanesay is making positive progress. The remediation process should be completed by Shaw Environmental by the end of this year. The City of Appleton Planning Commission has approved rezoning and street vacation and forwarded the same to the Appleton City Council for approval on August 6, 2008.

The KU summer picnic at the Timber Rattler Game will be Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>; and the WPPI annual meeting is September 11-12, 2008 in Middleton WI.

Lee Meyerhofer asked if the ground water level in KU wells has risen. Kevin Obiala will report on the water levels at the July commission meeting.

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Brian Paschen to adjourn.

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

The meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

Thomas J. McGinnis

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