

Kaukauna WI
September 17, 2008

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, Bill Vanderloop, 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, Eric Miller and Don Krause from KU. Karen Brooks was also present.

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Brian Paschen to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 regular Commission meeting as written.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

There was no public comment.

General Manager Jeff Feldt discussed the WPPI “Keep It Going Campaign” with the Commission. This campaign is part of the Commitment to Community Leadership Program and follows the WPPI philosophy that it is cheaper to conserve a kilowatt hour than to build power plants to supply another kilowatt hour. It is targeted at residential customers with the goal of raising awareness about the benefits of energy conservation.

It was moved by Bill Vanderloop, seconded by Tom McGinnis to authorize Kaukauna Utilities’ participation in the Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI) Keep It Going Campaign with all associated costs eligible for funding through the Commitment to Community and Energy Conservation and Efficiency funds.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

Manager of Finance and Administration Mike Kawula explained KU has an opportunity to refinance outstanding electric revenue bonds and take advantage of the current bond market. Part of the savings would come from a reduction of the reserve fund. KU would realize a savings of \$467,050 for the Electric Utility.

It was moved by Brian Paschen, seconded by Gene Rosin to authorize Kaukauna Utilities to proceed with issuance of the 2008 Electric Revenue Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds are to be used to advance refund 100% of the outstanding 1998 Electric Revenue Bonds.

Roll call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mike Kawula advised the Commission it would be wise to refinance the 1997 Water Revenue Bonds and realize a similar, although smaller savings than the refinance of the Electric Revenue Bonds.

It was moved by Brian Paschen, seconded by Gene Rosin to authorize Kaukauna Utilities to proceed with issuance of the 2008 Water Revenue Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds are to be used to advance refund 100% of the outstanding 1997 Water Revenue Bonds.

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

Motion Carried

It was moved by Brian Paschen, seconded by Bill Vanderloop to approve the accounts receivable write offs.

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

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Gene Rosin that checks numbered 38562 through 38811 in the amount of \$5,633,787.83 and check number 908 in the amount of \$182,217.96 be approved for payment.

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

Motion Carried

The commission reviewed the monthly reports.

Mike Kawula explained the 2009 budget process has begun. Mike is collecting data and plans to have a draft budget for the Commission at the October meeting.

Jeff Feldt advised the Wind Turbine Project is a slow process. Jeff will meet with the Chamber's Government Action Committee to discuss the benefits of wind power.

Jeff Feldt gave an update on the WPPI Benefit Trust. Compared with a \$1 million shortfall three years ago, the Trust is doing very well with a \$1.8 million surplus. The 4% adder on KU rates may be reduced if the Trust reaches profits of \$2.5 million.

Jeff Feldt updated the Commission with regard to Well #5. Water Superintendent Kevin Obiala is working on issues with the DNR and will give another update on the well at the October meeting.

Jeff Feldt told the Commission the John Street closing with Tanesay Development is set for 8:00 a.m. on September 19th at Evans Title. KU will receive approximately \$1 million on Friday. The remaining sale proceeds will be held in escrow until formal closure from the DNR is received which will be after the 1st of January 2009.

Manager of Generation and Operations Mike Pedersen reviewed the progress on the construction at the main office facility. Selmer Construction has the main level front office expansion underway with skylights already in place and completion right on schedule for the end of November 2008.

The Commission reviewed the August Safety Report.

Manager of Electric Distribution Eric Miller reported the team of Josh Rohan and Tony Stobbe, KU linemen, were declared Grand Champions of the MEUW 3rd Annual Lineman Rodeo held in Stoughton on September 6th. Rich Sorenson and Neil Jack also participated in the Rodeo.

Jeff Feldt congratulated Commissioner Lee Meyerhofer for the Distinguished Service Award and Don Krause, Manager of Information & Technology for the Volunteer Power Award they received at the WPPI Annual Meeting this month.

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Tom McGinnis to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 4:40 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Tom McGinnis to return to open session at 5:04 p.m.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Bill Vanderloop to adjourn.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

The meeting ended at 5:06 p.m.

Thomas J. McGinnis
Secretary

Minutes taken by Alice Rasmussen