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, Tom McGinnis, and Cindy Fallona. Also present were Paul Van Berkel, City Attorney, Jeff Feldt, Mike Pedersen, Mike Kawula, Denise Vanderloop, Kevin Obiala, Eric Miller, and Randy Vercauteren from KU. Brian Roebke from the Times Villager, Dianna Driessen and Dave Pahl were also present.

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

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Gene Rosin to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 regular Commission meeting as written.

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

There was no public comment.

Manager of Finance & Administration Mike Kawula updated the Commission on American Transmission Company (ATC) investment activities. As in previous years, KU has an opportunity to answer ATC's Capital Call designed to obtain funds for future ATC capital projects. The investment is necessary to maintain KU's percentage interest of 0.1724%. Earnings from this investment are paid 67% in cash and 33% reinvested in ATC. An additional KU investment of \$52,000 in 2011 would maintain the percentage interest and pay earnings estimated at \$230,000. Approximately \$154,000 would be received in cash and \$76,000 reinvested in ATC. The current and future returns are considerably higher than current earnings potential.

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Tom Driessen to authorize Kaukauna Utilities to contribute sufficient funds to ATC to maintain Kaukauna Utilities' Percentage Interest in ATC (0.1724%).

Roll Call Vote	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Cindy Fallona	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye

Motion Carried

Manager of Human Resources Denise Vanderloop advised the Commission there is a need for up to four summer positions this year for routine maintenance and tasks similar to other years. Hours worked will be limited to 600 to avoid additional costs to the Utility for Wisconsin Retirement and other benefits.

It was moved by Gene Rosin, seconded by Bill Vanderloop to authorize approval to hire up to four summer help positions for 2011.

Tom Driessen	aye
Gene Rosin	aye
Bill Vanderloop	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Tom McGinnis	aye
Cindy Fallona	aye
	Gene Rosin Bill Vanderloop Lee Meyerhofer Tom McGinnis

**Motion Carried** 

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

Roll call Vote:	Gene Rosin	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Cindy Fallona	aye
	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye

**Motion Carried** 

It was moved by Gene Rosin, seconded by Tom Driessen, that checks numbered 46180 through 46398 in the amount of \$4,729,866.43 be approved for payment.

Roll Call Vote:	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	Cindy Fallona	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye

Motion Carried

The commission reviewed the monthly reports.

## Staff reports:

Manager of Electric Distribution, Eric Miller, advised the Commissioners that the Line Crew is rebuilding E 20<sup>th</sup> Street and wrecking out Delanglade sub. Concurrent with assisting GIS with updates due to the transition from Delanglade to the new Tobacnoir Substation, the crew is reviewing and updating construction standards.

Manager of Generation and Operations Mike Pedersen reported the crews are working on routine maintenance at Badger. Unit #1 at Kimberly was down for 4 days but is back on line now. KU authorized Kaiser to replace the blades at KCP Unit #1. That project may take 10-22 weeks to complete. The controls upgrade continues at Kimberly. At the end of March we'll have a full year of data from Kimberly. January was another good month for hydro production. Mike and Jeff Feldt met with Voith Hydro to discuss moving forward on the Badger Hydro Project. The 401 certification from the DNR will be submitted Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> ending a two-year process.

Water Superintendent, Kevin Obiala, gave a department update. There have been 13 water main breaks so far this year. Water crews continue to test large meters, do cross connection surveys and maintenance in the plants. Kevin is working with John Sundelius, City Engineer on an ordinance for lead replacement.

Manager of Finance and Administration, Mike Kawula, advised the Commission the new electric rates went into effect February 1, 2011. The Customer Service/Billing Department is working to make sure all billing calculations are correct with the new rates. Purchasing is getting quotes on printing billing envelopes.

Manager of Human Resources, Denise Vanderloop, is working on understanding the new legislative bill and working with directors at the city and KU managers to answer employee questions and concerns.

Jeff Feldt told the Commissioners the staff has been working on the 20 year capital plan, compiling projects year by year. The final plan will be submitted to the Commission within the next two months.

Roy Thilly WPPI Energy CEO will have his retirement party on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake Windsor. Mike Peters, new CEO will visit Kaukauna March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 100-Year Anniversary committee has met. The KU History book is going well. KHS students are working on a design for something in Hydro Park.

It was moved by Bill Vanderloop, seconded by Gene Rosin to adjourn.

All members voted aye

**Motion Carried** 

The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

Thomas J. McGinnis Secretary