

Kaukauna WI
February 15, 2006

The regular meeting of Kaukauna Utilities Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Lee Meyerhofer. Commission members present were John Lambie, Tom Driessen, Lee Meyerhofer, Joe Verhagen, Tom McGinnis and Brian Paschen. Also present were Paul Van Berkel, City Attorney, Jeff Feldt, Bruce Gomm, Mike Pedersen, Mike Kawula, Don Krause, Mark Biddle, Kevin Obiala and Mike Bergner from KU. Diane Baumgart from the Times Villager, Frank Kirschling from the DNR and Lee Lehrer were also present.

It was moved by Tom Driessen seconded by Tom McGinnis to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bill Vanderloop.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Tom Driessen to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006, Regular Commission meeting as written.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

There was no public comment.

Lee Lehrer presented the Commission with a Forest Stewardship Management Plan for the property located along the Fox River at the Rapide Croche Hydro site. In June, 1998 a plan was prepared that identified three stands or forest conditions that exist on this property. An effort to make the land more useable for the general public would include a plan to create hiking trails, nature study and bird watching. The plan would also improve the area by eliminating any non-native species of trees/plants. Kaukauna Utilities would oversee the project since the property is owned by the Utility. The members of the Commission agreed this is a worthwhile project and gave their support.

Manager Jeff Feldt proposed KU change the official publication for Commission Minutes to the Times Villager. Since the Times Villager is the official newspaper for the City of Kaukauna and the Utility would benefit from a cost savings when comparing the rates per line in the Times Villager to the Appleton Post Crescent rates, staff recommended the change.

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Joe Verhagen that the Commission authorize KU to designate the Times Villager as the official newspaper for publication of Commission meeting minutes.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

Manager Feldt discussed the two bids received for a digger derrick line truck. The new digger derrick would replace a 1986 2 x 4 Ford 8000 digger derrick which the line crew currently uses. DUECO submitted the lowest qualified bid for a Telelect

Commander C4047. The 2006 Capital Budget included a line item for this vehicle in the amount of \$150,000.

It was moved by Brian Paschen, seconded by Tom Driessen to authorize the purchase of the Telelect Commander C4047 from DUECO in the amount of \$151,151.

Roll call Vote:	John Lambie	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Brian Paschen	aye
	Joe Verhagen	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye

Motion Carried

Jeff Feldt reviewed the 2006 Work Plan with the commission. The work plan for 2006 includes goals associated with Safety, Human Resources, Electric, Engineering and Operations, Water Operations, System Operations, Automated Meter Reading (AMR), Geographic Information System (GIS), Information Technology (IT), Facilities, Financial, Environmental Compliance, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Hydro Power Generation, and Reliability. Each goal within a category has a timeline with certain KU management assigned responsibility for it. Quarterly updates will be given to the commission. These activities will be in addition to the day-to-day operational activities that occur throughout the organization.

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Joe Verhagen to adopt the 2006 Work Plan as presented.

All members voted aye	Motion Carried
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It was moved by John Lambie, seconded by Tom McGinnis to approve the accounts receivable write offs.

All members voted aye	Motion Carried
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It was moved by John Lambie, seconded by Brian Paschen, that checks numbered 029923 Void, 029990 Void, 030146 to 030247 in the amount of \$388,707.15; and 030248 to 030344 in the amount of \$423,890.24 be approved.

Roll Call Vote:	Brian Paschen	aye
	John Lambie	aye
	Joe Verhagen	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye

Motion Carried

The commission reviewed the monthly reports.

Jeff Feldt advised the Commission that KU is a recipient of APPA's 2006 Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Award. Kaukauna Utilities achieved a score of 92% placing it as a Platinum level RP3 Utility. A score of 80% is required to achieve the minimum level (gold) as a RP3 provider. KU will be recognized at the APPA Engineering & Operations Conference in April. Stoughton was the only other municipal electric utility in Wisconsin to obtain the award. The RP3 program gives KU a benchmark to measure future progress in safety, training, system improvement and reliability.

Mike Kawula informed the Commission that the Fox Energy Plant is not named as part of the Calpine bankruptcy. KU will continue to work with the bankruptcy attorneys to secure funds to pay delinquent monies due on all Calpine/Fox Energies accounts.

The customers on Hwy KK are all cut over to KU lines except one. The line crew will complete the last customer transfer in spring.

Water Superintendent Kevin Obiala informed the commission this winter has been much better than 2005 for water main breaks. Last year there were 20 water main breaks by this time compared to 9 so far this year.

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Joe Verhagen to adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI. State Statute 19.85(1)(g) Vanden Heuvel vs. City of Kaukauna Lawsuit at 4:55 p.m.

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Joe Verhagen to return to Open Session at 5:03 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

John J. Lambie
Secretary