

Kaukauna WI  
March 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 Tom Driessen, Lee Meyerhofer, Tom McGinnis and Brian Paschen. Also present were Paul Van Berkel, City Attorney, Jeff Feldt, Bruce Gomm, Mike Pedersen, Mike Kawula, Kevin Obiala, Eric Miller and Ron Roberts from KU.

It was moved by Tom Driessen seconded by Tom McGinnis to excuse the absence of Commissioners John Lambie, Bill Vanderloop and Joe Verhagen.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Brian Paschen to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2006, Regular Commission meeting as written.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

There was no public comment.

KU Geographic Information System (GIS) Programmer & Analyst, Erin Naser, gave a presentation to the commission explaining the many facets of the GIS that staff is working on. Currently KU uses a land base program in Auto Cad. KU will be receiving a new land base program from Outagamie County which will allow staff to search by address, parcel number, intersection, etc. Crews will be able to determine the type and size of wire at any given point as well as transformer, sub station, circuit and other electrical information. KU is currently implementing a staking program. In the past the Drafting Technician would have to redraw into auto cad drawings done by field crews for new subdivisions etc. With the new system the Engineering Tech can hit a button on his laptop and the drawing from the field will go right into GIS. The crews are now using new Panasonic tough books. GIS allows intelligent maps to link much more information to the maps. The SCADA system can be linked to the GIS.

Commissioner Bill Vanderloop arrived at 4:22 p.m.

Jeff Feldt advised the commission there is a need for a new Rack Raker at the Combined Locks Hydro Station. The 2006 budget currently has \$90,000 budgeted to replace the rack raker at the Kaukauna City Plant. However, due to safety concerns the one at Combined Locks will be replaced now with the City Plant postponed for one year.

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Bill Vanderloop to authorize KU to award a contract to Hydro Component Systems for the firm price of \$94,550.00 for a new rack raker at the Combined Locks Hydro Plant.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

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

Roll Call Vote:	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Brian Paschen	aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Lambie, seconded by Brian Paschen, that checks numbered 030345 to 030446 in the amount of \$3,461,758.59; and checks numbered 030447, 030450 to 030550 in the amount of \$552,461.79 be approved.

Roll Call Vote:	Brian Paschen	aye
	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye

Motion Carried

The commission reviewed the monthly reports.

Mike Kawula informed the commission that the 2005 Audit starts on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Kevin Obiala, Water Superintendent coordinated a tabletop emergency exercise for area emergency government officials from the city, county and state. The exercise has helped KU to prepare for possible emergency scenarios.

Mike Kawula updated the commission on the Calpine bankruptcy. Current balances for Fox Energy accounts through March total \$460,000. The bankruptcy Attorneys have advised not to proceed with disconnect. KU exposure is about \$160,000 due to a \$300,000 deposit that KU obtained from Calpine.

At the APPA Legislative rally the topic facing all utilities is the captive rail issue which is driving up costs. Mark Green has introduced legislation to help mitigate this.

Jeff Feldt invited the commission to the annual Quarter Century dinner on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mariner and to attend the APPA National conference in Chicago on June 10-14<sup>th</sup>.

At the commission meeting in April the commission will elect a new secretary.

It was moved by Tom Driessen seconded by Bill Vanderloop to adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI. State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Goldin Recycling Property at 205 Maple Street, Kaukauna at 4:55 p.m.

It was moved by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Brian Paschen to return to Open Session at 5:08 p.m.

It was moved by Tom Driessen, seconded by Tom McGinnis to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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Secretary

Minutes taken by Alice Rasmussen