

**MINUTES OF THE DELANO WATER, LIGHT AND POWER COMMISSION
CITY OF DELANO, COUNTY OF WRIGHT, STATE OF MINNESOTA
WITH ALL ACCOUNTS BEING AUDITED BY SAID COMMISSION
JUNE 16, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Bartels.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum established

Members Present:	Larry Bartels, Chairman Sam Nelson, Secretary Tim Falde, Commissioner
Also Present:	Hal Becker, General Manager Bob Stroud, Recorder
Members Absent:	Bob Hutter, Commissioner Randy Keranen, Commissioner

3. AGENDA

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Sam Nelson to approve the agenda with an addition by Hal Becker at item 9 to present an update on the highway 12 project, and an addition by Sam Nelson at item 7 for an update on the Nebraska II project.

Motion Carried

4. MINUTES

Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Tim Falde to approve the minutes of the regular meeting conducted on May 19, 2008.

Motion Carried

5. POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Sam Nelson to approve the power cost adjustment for bills due June 27, 2008 at negative .00404.

Motion Carried

6. FINANCIALS

Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Tim Falde to approve the Financials for May 2008.

Motion Carried

7. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Update on Big Stone II Project

Hal Becker said he had attended the hearing by the Public Utilities Commission and the Commission tabled the vote pending review of information and will issue an order in two or three weeks while gathering any new information. The Chairman of the P.U.C. is retiring which may create more delays as the new Commissioner reviews all of the pertinent information.

B. Update on Nebraska II Project

Hal Becker said this project is six to eight months ahead of schedule and should be on line in 2009. Delano Municipal Utilities is invested for two megawatts in this project.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Penalty Exemption

In response to a written request from a Delano Municipal Utilities customer to have previous penalties adjusted from their bill and declare their billing penalty exempt for late payment, the Commission determined the policy in place since 1991 for penalty of late payment had served well in the collection process and noted the utility must pay for purchased power without a grace period. The penalty applies to all customers without prejudice.

Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Tim Falde to deny the request for prior penalty adjustment and deny penalty exempt status.

Motion Carried

B. Dental Insurance

In a request for action submitted to the Commission Hal Becker noted the savings by the Delano Municipal Utilities through self funding of the employee deductible portion of health insurance. Payment for the Dental Plan would come from these savings. An analysis of the savings was presented to the Commission. Hal Becker explained there would be no premium costs to the employees. Two options were submitted. 1. Delta Dental (Millennium Choice) 2. Assurant Employee Benefits.

Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Larry Bartels to approve option 1, Delta Dental (Millennium Choice) as the provider for dental coverage for the Delano Municipal Utilities employees.

Motion Carried

C. Highway 12 Project Update

Hal Becker said the overhead lines were all down and poles removed along the corridor. Conversion to the underground lines continues. He also said he was impressed with the quality of work in progress of the installation of water mains. A water leak on the construction hauling route at River Street and Bridge Avenue was repaired by the utility. Hal Becker said the damage to the service at the valve on the water main was there since the installation in 1995. Paving over the repaired area will be completed after Park Construction is no longer hauling dirt and gravel through the area. A valve leak at Tenth Street South and a leaking hydrant behind Coborns' are scheduled to be repaired in the next couple of weeks.

10. CLAIMS

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Larry Bartels to approve claims in the amount of \$398,523.48.

Motion Carried

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.