

**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
MARCH 17, 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
 Bob Hutter, Commissioner
 Randy Keranen, Commissioner

Also Present: Hal Becker, General Manager
 Bob Stroud, Recorder

3. AGENDA

Motion by Sam Nelson, seconded by Tim Falde, to approve the agenda with an addition to New Business to discuss the recent power outage.

Motion Carried

4. MINUTES

Motion by Tim Falde, seconded by Bob Hutter, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting conducted on February 21, 2008.

Motion Carried with Randy Keranen abstaining

5. POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Randy Keranen, seconded by Sam Nelson, to approve the power cost adjustment for bills due March 27, 2008 at positive .01179.

Motion Carried

6. FINANCIALS

A. Motion by Randy Keranen, seconded by Larry Bartels, to approve the financials for the period ending January 31, 2008.

Motion Carried

B. Motion by Bob Hutter, seconded by Tim Falde, to approve the financials for the period ending February 29, 2008.

Motion Carried

7. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No Report

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hal Becker gave an update to the Commission on the American Public Power Association Legislative Conference conducted in Washington D.C. He said this meeting provides an opportunity to express concerns and goals of the industry to legislators and representatives on a national level. In response to questions from the Commissioners Hal Becker said those leaders he met with seemed well informed and listened to the comments and suggestions of the members of the APPA that were present.

B. A report was also given by Hal Becker on the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association Legislative Conference conducted in St. Paul Minnesota. He said much of the same concerns expressed at the national level were discussed at the local level. A major topic was the concerns of service territory issues and the conservation improvement program. Meeting the current mandate of the conservation improvement program of 1.5 percent savings in kilowatt hour sales will require the participation and effort of all customers.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A power outage occurred on Thursday March 13, 2008 at approximately 5:00am and lasted one hour and twenty minutes. Salt and moisture caused arcing which resulted in a pole catching fire on the Xcel lines. Hal Becker said it takes some time to determine the cause, location and safety factors involved before switching a by-pass from Xcel lines to the Delano lines. He said in no event would Delano generate or by-pass placing electric current into the lines until all safety issues had been addressed and cleared. He also added the telephone lines were over whelmed as customers called in with questions and will research other alternatives for handling incoming calls to the utilities during an outage.

A report of testing results on a Power Guard Unit was also presented to the Commission. Hal Becker and Commission members again cautioned the consumer against the purchase of such devices claiming to reduce their electric usage. The units tested showed no improvement in the power factor and claims by the manufacturer were not accurate. The Commission reminds customers that if such devices were available to drastically reduce costs and consumption, all members would own the device.

10. CLAIMS

Motion by Bob Hutter, seconded by Tim Falde, to approve claims for February 2008 in the amount of \$551,443.06.

Motion Carried

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Larry Bartels, Chairman

Sam Nelson, Secretary