

**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**

**JULY 21, 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  
Bob Hutter, Commissioner  
Tim Falde, Commissioner  
Randy Keranen, Commissioner

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

**3. AGENDA**

Motion by Bob Hutter and seconded by Randy Keranen to approve the agenda with an amendment by Sam Nelson at item 8C to hear an update on the status of the Big Stone II project currently under review by the Public Utilities Commission, and an addition by Larry Bartels at item 8D to hear the customer request for waiver of policy relating to private wells.

Motion Carried

**4. MINUTES**

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Sam Nelson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting conducted on June 16, 2008.

Motion Carried

**5. POWER COST ADJUSTMENT**

Hal Becker said purchased power and energy through the agency were down for the period. In response to a question from the Commission he added that increased costs for natural gas would affect the generation of electricity costs for Xcel, which would ultimately mean rising costs for purchased power.

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Bob Hutter to approve the power cost adjustment for bills due July 27, 2008 at negative .00992.

Motion Carried

**6. FINANCIALS**

Hal Becker said the electric revenue and expense were under budget noting permit and capacity sales are down. The water revenue and expense are also under budget. Consumption should increase in August. The Commission observed purchased power had decreased in volume and believed this is a good sign customers are becoming more aware of the need for conservation and improvement in the efficiency of their electrical appliances.

Motion by Bob Hutter and seconded by Tim Falde to approve the financials for June 2008.

Motion Carried

**7. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

No Report

## 8. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

### A. Update on the Highway 12 project

Hal Becker said the cable installation as well as the water main along the west side of River St was complete. He added the project is going well and there is a high quality in the work performed by the contractors.

### B. Update on the roof project

Work on the plant roof began a couple of weeks ago as reported by Hal Becker. The old roofing had to be removed before spraying the new foam product. The new product has a high "R" value and is under a ten year warranty. Work should be completed by the end of July.

### C. Update on the Big Stone II project/PUC status

The Public Utilities Commission will set up the process for review and continuance of findings on July 31. There are five Commission members appointed by the Governor. The chairman of the Commission retired recently and has been replaced. Another member is scheduled for retirement by the end of this year. Decisions could be delayed on the project while new Commission members are briefed and they study information previously submitted.

### D. Customer request for waiver of policy

A customer request for permission to dig a private well was heard by the Commission. The purpose of the well would be to provide water to a sprinkler system. Hal Becker said he talked with different companies that said they could install sprinkler systems fully compatible with the Delano Municipal Utilities water supply after learning the customer had been told they could not install a system which would work on the current water supply. Hal Becker also talked with the engineer noting adequate pressure exists for the required sprinkling system and would not require booster pumps. Some of the concerns of private well usage mentioned were possible cross connection which could potentially cause raw, untreated water to enter the Delano water supply and possible contamination of ground water supply. Delano Municipal Utilities currently pumps from four wells. The Commission noted the policy of prohibiting private wells within the city limits had been long standing and any exception could create a precedent for future requests. Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Larry Bartels to deny waiving the policy of the Delano Municipal Utilities and recommend to the City Council they also deny any exceptions not previously allowed prohibiting development of any new private well within the city limits as stipulated in City of Delano ordinances 610.01, subdivision 1 and 611.01, subdivision 7.

Motion Carried

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Update on the AMR installation

Hal Becker said the installation of the automated meters was on temporary hold while the crew completes other projects necessary to the highway 12 development. Approximately one third of the meters have been installed. The remaining installations will be completed by the Delano Municipal Utilities crew. Upgrading the water meters at the same time is a part of the process. Some of the water meters in the system are ten to twenty years old.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. CLAIMS

Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Randy Keranen to approve claims for the month of June 2008 in the amount of \$439,233.77.

Motion Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

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