

**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**

**December 15, 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, Tim Falde and Randy Keranen, Commissioners.

Also Present: Hal Becker, General Manager, Robert Schulte, Chief Executive Officer, CMMPA\*, Steve Thompson, Director of Operations, CMMPA, Bob Stroud, Recorder

**3. AGENDA**

Motion by Bob Hutter and seconded by Tim Falde to approve the agenda with an amendment by Hal Becker to remove items 6BIII, 9A and 9B.

Motion Carried

**4. MINUTES**

Motion by Sam Nelson and seconded by Randy Keranen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting conducted on November 17, 2008.

Motion Carried

Motion by Larry Bartels and seconded by Sam Nelson to approve the minutes of the special meeting conducted on December 8, 2008.

Motion Carried

**5. POWER COST ADJUSTMENT**

Hal Becker said the utility was again enjoying a small reduction in costs due to the NSP settlement.

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Randy Keranen to set the power cost adjustment for bills due December 22, 2008 at negative .01784.

Motion Carried

**6. FINANCIALS**

A. Approve the financials for November, 2008

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

Motion Carried

B. Approve the budget for 2009

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Randy Keranen to approve the budget for 2009.

Motion Carried

i. Approve electric rate increase for 2009

Motion by Bob Hutter and seconded by Tim Falde to approve the 5% electric rate increase for residential, commercial and industrial customers as set forth in the rates and fees schedule as presented.

Motion Carried

ii. Approve water rate increase for 2009

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Randy Keranen to approve the 5% water rate increase for residential, commercial and industrial customers as set forth in the rates and fees schedule as presented.

Motion Carried

## 7. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No Report

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Bob Hutter and seconded by Sam Nelson to approve written policies submitted for 2009.

Motion Carried

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### C. Authorize Studies of MISO\*\* Deliverability and Accreditation of Generation

Bob Schulte and Steve Thompson of the CMMPA explained to the Commission at the beginning of the meeting that MISO would require a study of the utilities capability of generation and ability to deliver that generation on demand to determine any future payments currently received by CMMPA members for capacity sales. The study requires a deposit of \$185,000.00 to MISO. Capacity would be determined by individual metering of the units instead of the net of the load capacity. Steve Thompson believes Delano Municipal Utilities should receive a substantial refund of the deposit since deliverability has been demonstrated in the past.

Motion by Bob Hutter and seconded by Tim Falde to authorize the study required by MISO and authorize the payment of \$185,000.00 on deposit for the study.

Motion Carried

### D. Approve Hiring of another Retiring Office Position

Hal Becker said another of the utilities office workers would be retiring February 28, 2009. He said the position salary is included in the 2009 budget.

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Sam Nelson to authorize the hiring of Aimee Dreger in a full time position to replace a retiring office position.

Motion Carried

### E. Change January Commission Meeting Date from January 19 to Thursday January 22, 2009

### F. Change February Commission Meeting February 16 to Thursday February 19, 2009

Items E and F were approved without motion or objection

## 10. CLAIMS

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Sam Nelson to approve claims in the amount of \$421,456.71.

Motion Carried

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

\*Central Minnesota Municipal Power Association

\*\*Midwest Independent Systems Operators

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Larry Bartels, Chairman

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Sam Nelson, Secretary