

**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
SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 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 Tim Falde, Commissioner Bob Hutter, Commissioner Randy Keranen, Commissioner
Also Present:	Hal Becker, General Manager Chris Hart, Director of Finance Bob Stroud, Recorder

3. AGENDA

Motion by Tim Falde and seconded by Randy Keranen to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Second Draft of the 2009 Budget

A general briefing to the Commission was presented by Chris Hart explaining the format and lay out of the budget presented and items incorporated into the summary. Hal Becker said the budget drew from historical data however where the actual amount was known for 2009, dollar amounts were manually inserted.

B. Discuss Rates and Fees

- I. Rates and Fees Schedule for 20 years
- II. Fee Schedule 2008
- III. Fee Schedule 2009
- IV. 2009 Electric Rates

The above schedules were included in the budget presentation. These schedules included the general 5% increases annually which were previously approved by the Commission. Of the budgeted items to be capitalized the aging fleet of trucks used by the utility was a prominent discussion. Hal Becker said the newest truck in the fleet is a 1994 model and all of the fleet has had many repairs over the years to keep them in service. He added it is not financially feasible to continue with the aging fleet and even with repairs; they are not reliable for service. A total of five trucks are in need of replacement. Hal Becker said he would like to have three of the trucks on the financial record ending December 31, 2008. With a brief discussion of the salaries and benefits Hal Becker recommended a replacement not be hired for the position vacated by Ed Williams who is retiring this year. The meeting ending with the Commission in agreement to take time reviewing the information presented and make any recommendation for changes to the budget or acceptance as presented at a later date.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

Larry Bartels, Chairman

Sam Nelson, Secretary