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
August 24th, 2026, at 7PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike Mathisen

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum established.

Members' Present:

Mike Mathisen, Chairman
Chris Link, Commissioner
Todd Belz, Commissioner
Jose Rocha, Commissioner

Members' Absent:

John Beussman, Commissioner

Also Present:

Dan Ehrke, General Manager
Brittany DeGroot, Recorder
Shawn Louwagie, City Engineer
Louis Sigtermans, Stantec
Dan Hanson, Foreman

3. Agenda

A. There was a motion by Chris Link with a second by Todd Belz to approve the agenda as amended, moving item 10A to item 5A.

Motion Carried

4. Minutes

A. There was a motion by Todd Belz with a second by Jose Rocha to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 20th, 2026.

Motion Carried

5. Presentation on 2024 Water Study

A. Loise Sigtermans with Stantec presented a recap on the 2024 Water Study

6. Power Cost Adjustment

A. Review of July 2026 PCA, billed at .000.

7. Financials

A. Review of the Financials for July 2026

Dan Ehrke presented the July 2026 financials

8. Staff Update

A. GM Update

- McKinley Substation Progress
- Generation - verification test for Gen #6, #10, and #11. Heatshield was installed between the roofing material and exhaust muffler.
- Electric distribution updates around town
- New computer stations at power plant and water treatment plant
- League of MN Cities insurance rates
- Territory Agreement with Xcel still in progress

B. Monthly Generation Run Report

C. Review of Water Rates Comparison

- Taylor Porter compiled a list of water rates from surrounding communities and the commission advised they would like the number of customers that would be in each possible tier.

D. Conservation Improvement

9. Commissioner's Report

A. City Council Liaison Update

- Permits were passed for many events
- Four new firefighters joined the crew
- City ordinance for e-bikes was discussed

10. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Quote for NW Water Main Repair

There was a motion by Jose Rocha with a second by Todd Belz to approve the quote for the NW Water Main Repair.

Motion Carried

B. Accept Hydrogeological Study for Well #5

There was a motion by Mike Mathisen with a second by Chris Link to approve the acceptance of the Hydrogeological Study for Well #5

Motion Carried

C. Updated on Senior Accountant Position

- Interviewed a total of five candidates and hoping to have approval of a candidate at the September 21st regular meeting.

11. New Business

A. Presentation by Shawn Louwagie on the 2027 City Street Improvement Project

B. There was a motion by Todd Belz with a second by Chris Link to approve the updated job descriptions.

Motion Carried

C. There was a motion by Mike Mathisen with a second by Jose Rocha to approve the quote for louvers for the generation plant.

Motion Carried

D. There was a motion by Todd Belz with a second by Chris Link to approve the quote for the mini split for the downtown substation.

Motion Carried

E. There was a motion by Mike Mathisen with a second by Chris Link to approve the joint meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6PM at City Hall.

Motion Carried

12. Claims

There was a motion by Chris Link with a second by Jose Rocha to approve the claims in the amount of $1,911,762.03.

Motion Carried

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.

Mike Mathisen, Chairman

Chris Link, Commissioner