

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the North Denver Station Board Room on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, and by notices duly posted in the lobby of the Power Plant Building, 1228 North Denver Avenue, and the City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, and was therefore open to the public.

Present: Anderson, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Poppe, Hunt (8:30)

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, McCoy, Stange, Sekora, Cox, Cogley, Barfknecht, Hemberger, Kully, Goebel, Mayor Rossen, Scherr, Mike Wassenger of McDermott-Miller, Chuck Reddinger, and Jay Hughes

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board of Public Works is subject to the Open Meetings Laws and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Law poster has been posted in the room.

Chuck Reddinger of Hastings informed the Board of experimental technology for producing electricity. He is looking for investors for a company called Turbatron Systems. Chairman Anderson said he will visit with members of the Board to see if there is any interest.

Mike Wassenger of McDermott-Miller presented the 2006 Hastings Utilities Audit. A clean audit was issued.

Hunt appeared at 8:30 a.m.

An ordinance to eliminate Geothermal (Pump & Dump) Water Source Heat Pump Systems was discussed. Jay Hughes, who resides outside of the city limits but within the two mile jurisdiction explained that he would like to install an open loop system within a year and that the discharge on his system would remain on his property into a pond. Suggestions on amended language for this ordinance will be incorporated by staff and will be reviewed with the City Attorney. This item will be brought back from the table at the next meeting.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve the Revised Agreement with the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Hunt left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Marv Schultes informed the Board that our water system has received a third violation for coliforms. If a fourth violation occurs within a twelve month period, the water system must be chlorinated for a period of six months. Marty Stange gave a presentation on how Hastings Utilities can chlorinate the system if needed. A news release is being released to the public this morning to explain the situation. The Board would like staff to have a draft news release ready if the fourth violation occurs and chlorination must begin.

Marty Stange gave a presentation on the location and status of the Southwest Interceptor Sewer. Hastings Utilities has the surveys done and is ready to write and obtain easements. Because the staff does not have the time to get these done in a timely manner, the Board suggested hiring outside help to get these done so that the project can move forward.

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A short discussion on wholesale natural gas costs took place. Don Cox will update the Board at their meeting on May 31, 2007, on the wholesale natural gas supply costs and on the CPEP transaction that is moving forward as part of the wholesale natural gas supply.

Steve Cogley gave an update on the Wind Power Program. Currently there are 157 customers receiving wind power through HU's program, with another 10 on a waiting list. The 157 customers are receiving 60 MW/month, which is double the quantity of the previous program.

The January 2007 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Al Meyer reported that the PPGA Board Meeting will be held tomorrow, May 4th, and that the PPGA Board will be acting on five different contracts.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of April 12, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued April 30, 2007
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,327,836.33
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$2,126,185.81
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund (Trailblazer Gas Purchase from Oneok) – \$1,616,207.32
- d. Review of payroll for periods ending April 14 and 28, 2007
- e. Approval of the following work orders:
 - EL-40 Installation of a pole and overhead 3-phase transformer bank to serve an existing shop building in the Craig Industrial Park at 213 South Woodland Avenue. Estimated Cost: \$ 5,141
 - GA-216 Replacing of gas main on North Shore Drive for street replacement project. Estimated Cost: \$194,310
 - SW-253 Replacement of Solids Pump Building HVAC equipment and addition of air conditioning to the Electrical Unit Room at the Pollution Control Facility Estimated Cost: \$ 17,389

Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Schultes reported that the Thom Subdivision gas cutover took place on April 17, 2007, and went very smoothly.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Secretary