

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Hastings Utilities Board Room on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, and by notices duly posted in the lobby of Hastings Utilities, 1228 North Denver Avenue, and the City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, and was therefore open to the public.

Present: Anderson, Hunt, Shoemaker, Krieger, Dewalt

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, Goebel, Cogley, Scherr, Odom, and Hastings College Student Curt Casper

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.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of November 12 and 17, 2009, meetings
The November 12, 2009, minutes were corrected to read the executive session came out of closed session at 8:33 a.m. instead of 9:33 a.m.
- b. Review and approval of checks issued November 30, 2009
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$1,821,287.08
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$2,025,416.84
- d. Review of payroll for period ending November 21, 2009

Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, Dewalt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Dewalt, that upon the recommendation from the Merit Award Committee, to award a Pizza Party to all Hastings Utilities' employees for achieving a Safety Award for the third quarter of 2008 and the 1st and 3rd quarters of 2009. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Dewalt, Hunt, Anderson, Krieger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The October 2009 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Al Meyer gave a presentation on PPGA activities.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Al Meyer gave an update on the November 23rd power outage. The outage lasted approximately two hours and involved the B Street Substation.

Chairman Anderson appointed Willis Hunt and himself to a telephone/emergency committee to continue to recommend improvements to the new telephone system and public relations in the event of an outage or emergency.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, that this Board go into Closed Session, which Closed Session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in that said Closed Session will consist of a strategy session to discuss negotiations in a legal proceeding. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, DeWalt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried

The meeting closed to the public at 10:25 a.m. The executive session consisted of Board Members, Council Liaisons Goebel and Odom, the Board's Attorney, staff, and Dee Haussler by remote speaker phone.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Dewalt, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 11:07 a.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Dewalt, Shoemaker, Krieger, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The Board moved the December 31st meeting to December 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Secretary