

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, December 13, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, December 11, 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, Hunt, Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, Stange, Hemberger, Struss, Sekora, Cogley, Kully, Scherr, Goebel, and Guests Steve Wolford – W Design, Bob Hittner – Village of Trumbull, Dave Van Kirk, Jim Van Kirk, and Mike Huffaker – Van Kirk Brothers Contracting, and Glenn Dostal – HDR Engineering

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 customer comments.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, that upon the recommendation of the Merit Award Committee, to award Outstanding Performance Merit Awards to the WEC and Engineering Employees and to honor them with a reception for all Hastings Utilities employees. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Jim Van Kirk gave an update on the testing of the Trumbull water main. Van Kirk Brothers have pigged the line and it is much cleaner. He believes it is cleaned up to Hydrant 4. Hastings Utilities thinks it needs to be cleaner to assure clean water to Trumbull.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to approve an amount up to \$10,000.00, with no participation from the Village of Trumbull, to facilitate the cleaning of this line to the satisfaction of Hastings Utilities' staff. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Glenn Dostal of HDR Engineering gave a presentation on the Nitrate Treatment and Reject Water Disposal Study. Options were shown on the disposal of the reject water.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of November 29, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued December 10, 2007, with the exception of claim no. 00264 to Phil Johnson & Associates *and claim no. 00222 to Westland Building Co.*
- c. Review of payroll for period ending December 8, 2007
- d. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-69 Installation of a three-phase underground electric line and padmount switches to upgrade Central Community Colleges electrical distribution system from Hall Building to Adams and Clay Buildings. Estimated Cost: \$75,086.92

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to approve claim no. 00264 to Phil Johnson & Associates in the amount of \$315.56, *and claim no. 00222 to Westland Building Co. in the amount of \$1,278.95.* Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

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Steve Cogley gave a presentation on the wind power program and its current status. The Board voiced their interest of the possibility of partnering to build a wind turbine in Hastings or in an area deemed more feasible. Staff will visit with MEAN to see if they have plans for additional wind turbines.

Hunt left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The Board discussed CFL Bulb Recycling and other incentives. Staff has visited with Jack Newlun and found that the landfill is accepting the CFL bulbs because of the small amount of mercury involved. The Green Committee, of which Chuck Shoemaker and Ron Sekora, are members, are asking the Board to partner in a project to furnish a free CFL bulb to homes in Hastings.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to provide half the cost, up to \$7,500, to partner with the Green Committee to furnish a CFL bulb to each home in Hastings. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The Board indicated interest in incentives on appliances that reduce water usage. Staff will make a presentation in February on incentives that other cities are currently providing.

Al Meyer did not give an update on PPGA activities, as a full report will be given tomorrow at the HEDC Annual Meeting, at which all the Board is invited to attend.

The October 2007 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Under miscellaneous and future agenda items, Chairman Anderson asked for the Wind Power Discussion and the Presentation on Incentives on Appliances that Reduce Water Usage to be on a February agenda.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, 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 relative to real estate negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 12:25 p.m.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 12:48 p.m., and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Secretary