

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Water and Light Commission was called to order in the Worthington Public Utilities Conference Room at 3:00 P.M., CST, by President Robert J. Demuth with the following members present: Randy Thompson, James Elsing and Gary Hoffmann. Absent was Ron Wood (excused)

Staff members present were Scott Hain, General Manager; Deb Scheidt, Secretary to the Commission

Others present: None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CLOSURE

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Elsing and unanimously carried to close the agenda as presented.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Elsing and unanimously carried to approve the Water and Light Commission minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2010.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STAFF REPORTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to accept the Sales Reports and the Staff Reports for December 2010.

2010 SAFETY, SERVICE QUALITY AND DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY STANDARDS

Scott Hain, General Manager, reviewed the Worthington Public Utilities 2010 Safety, Service Quality and Distribution Reliability Standards report with Commission members. Minnesota statutes require that municipally-owned electric utilities make an annual report on their adopted standards to their local governing body. The Commission adopted the following goals at their June 19, 2006, regular meeting:

SAIDI (minutes)	10.00 or less
SAIFI (frequency)	0.33 or less
CAIDI (minutes)	60.00 or less

Mr. Hain reported that the SAIDI (7.99 in 2010), SAIFI (0.18 in 2010) and CAIDI (43.78) goals were met in 2010. Commission members remarked that they were very impressed with the report and directed staff to draft a letter to the Electric Department employees, to be signed by President Demuth, congratulating them on and commending them for their efforts.

After review of the report, a motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to formally accept the 2010 Safety, Service Quality and Distribution Reliability Standards report and to retain the same SAIDI, SAIFI and CAIDI goals for 2011.

REGIONAL BIOSCIENCE CONFERENCE

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that the 7th Annual Regional Bioscience Conference will be held April 7-8, 2011, at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. The conference is hosted by Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation (WREDC).

Mr. Hain presented the Commission with a request from WREDC to provide a sponsorship for the event. Worthington Public Utilities participated in the 2010 Bioscience Conference with a Platinum Level sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to participate in the Platinum Level sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2011 Bioscience Conference.

TRANSMISSION PROJECTS

Scott Hain, General Manager, provided the Commission with information relating to Worthington Public Utilities' substation tie transmission project along with proposed upgrades to ITC-Midwest's Elk Substation and other proposed local transmission projects.

DEBT REFINANCING AND LONG TERM INVESTMENTS

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that he is continuing to investigate potential refinancing of outstanding utility debt relating to the electric revenue bond for the diesel generation facility and the prepayment note for the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System project. Mr. Hain will present additional information to the Commission at a future meeting.

APPA LEGISLATIVE RALLY

A brief discussion was held on final arrangements for the American Public Power Association Legislative Rally to be held in Washington, DC, on February 28 through March 3, 2011.

UTILITY BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the utility bills payable totaling \$305,248.34 for December 23, January 3, January 7 and January 13.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 P.M., CST. President Demuth declared the meeting adjourned.

Deb A. Scheidt
Secretary to the Commission