

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 9, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Hastings Public Library, 314 N. Denver Avenue, on December 9, 2021.

**ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Regular Session by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Susan Meeske, Mark Hemje, Butch Eley, Shawn Hartmann, Cory Stutte, Clint Schukei, Kevin Johnson, Dave Ptak, Roger Nash, Robin Ginn, Lori Hartman, Keith Leonhardt, Lee Vrooman, Derek Zeisler, Erik Neilsen, Bob Davis, and Karen Rennick.  
Absent: Jeanette Dewalt and Shayne Raitt

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Bill Hitesman led the group in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR December 9, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.**

Moved by Meeske and seconded by Hemje to adopt the current agenda for the December 9, 2021 Regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Meeske, Hemje. Nays: None. Absent: Jeanette Dewalt and Shayne Raitt. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Hastings Public Library. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Hastings Public Library, which is accessible to members of the public.

**MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

One thing we didn't get on the agenda and that is just an FYI, there is a slight change to Chief Industries coal arrangements with Hastings Utilities. Derek Zeisler will speak about that change at the City council meeting.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

It has been a really good year and we look forward to another good year next year. This is the last meeting of this year. Wish everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### 1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of November 10, 2021.

Hemje moved, Meeske 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: Jeanette Dewalt and Shayne Raitt.  
Approved.

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

### 2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

### 3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

- (b) Production

- i. New Aerial Truck Lineman Certifications

This should have been listed in Operations. Four linemen were selected to go through the certification for a new aerial truck. Bob was asked to give some information about how the certification went. Bob discussed what the procedures were to get the certification. There was a written exam and a hands-on test. Renewal of certificates will be held every three years.

- (c) Operations

- (d) Administration

- i. Future meetings to be held at City Hall

Starting in January, all future meetings will be held at the City Hall building.

- (e) Other

- i. 3505 Yost Purchase Update

Phase 1 is complete. Clint says that we are ready to close on the purchase. Lee Vrooman gave updates on building.

- ii. IRP Committee Update

4. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

**ADJOURN:**

Moved by Susan Meeske seconded by Mark Hemje there being no further business to adjourn at 9:23 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: Jeanette Dewalt and Shayne Raitt. Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary