

HASTINGS UTILITY BOARD AGENDA

**Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport
3300 W. 12th Street
June 13, 2024
9:00 AM**

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR June 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. 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 Conference Room. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Airport Conference Room, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.
 - (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of May 9, 2024.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.
3. General Business.
 - (a) Finance
 - i. Budget Development Status
 - (b) Production

- (c) Operations
 - i. APPA Reliability Award Details
- (d) Administration
- (e) Other
 - i. HU Organizational Changes

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

ADJOURN:

The Hastings Utility Board reserves the right to enter into an executive session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the agenda. It is the intention of the Hastings Utility Board to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Hastings Utilities Board reserves the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedule of the Utility Board Members, persons having items on the agenda, and the public.

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 9, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport - 3300 W. 12th Street, on May 9, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in regular session by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Scott Snell, Derek Zeisler, Shawn Hartmann, Butch Eley, Micah McCaffery, Brandan Lubken, Larry Fox, Lori Hartman, Shawn Metcalf, Jeeese Oswald, Mark Funkey, Erik Nielsen, Tony Herrman, Lee Vrooman, Noel Nienhueser, Karl Block, Keith Leonhardt, Roger Nash, Jaci Higgins
Absent: Coret Stutte, Kevin Johnson

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 May, 9 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Meeske and seconded by Dewalt to adopt the current agenda for the May 9, 2024, regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. 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 Conference Room. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Airport Conference Room, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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 April 11, 2024.

Hemje moved, Meeske second. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: None.
Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

i. Financial Update

Larry Fox discusses the updates they have.

- (b) Production

i. Spring Outage Update

Micah is to discuss the outages and everything that has been going on since last month.

Outage Update

* NDS 4 and 5

- Completed control systems update.
- Both units have been tested and tuned.
- Put into reliability status on April 30th.
- Called up for operation on Tuesday, May 7th.

* WEC 1

- Completed the new byproduct collection system.
- Outage ended on May 6th.
- Self committed to the market and online May 6th.

* WEC 2

- Outage maintenance items were completed.
- Placed into market status on May 3rd and is currently available to be called up.

(c) Operations

i. New Gas Main Cost Capture

Brandon discusses the Gas Main Cost Capture.

Gas Main Cost Capture in New Developments

- Current challenges in natural gas market have us focused on status quo (operations, cost capture, PILOT, Res 1344 etc.)
- Last year's rate study recommended 5 years of increase at 6.3% per year, current ordinance is for 3 years.
- Who should pay for gas mains in new developments?
Existing Customers Developers
- Opinions of the Board? Extension Districts are voted on by Council individually so no need for another vote/recommendation.

(d) Administration

i. Resolution 1344

Roger to explain Resolution 1344.

Was put in place in 1991. A few things that have changed are that it was originally gas, water, and sewer. The sewer has dropped off. The best thing that we have determined was to repeal Resolution 1344 and then create a new resolution. This new Resolution points out the things that were in the original resolution and the cleanup of the language. Cleans up a resolution that wasn't being followed and outdated language, so it is fair for everyone. This resolution does not change any of the financial now.

ii. HR Update

Lori discusses the hiring process for Utility Manager. This was posted for 30 days and there is a matrix that is used to limit it. There were 16 applicants and then there were 3 finalists that were interviewed.

She also discusses the comparability study, and how we are doing that. We do a complete comparability study every 3 years.

(e) Other

(i.) Mayor's appointment of Utility Manager

Hastings received a reliability award. Should we have a presentation on that? What was involved and who was involved? Derek will take that as an action item and have that on the next months agenda.

Derek Zeisler was the candidate who stood out the most out of the interviews. Would like a motion to recommend to move to the city council for Derek Zeisler for Utility Manager.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Snell. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None. Approved.

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

ADJOURN:

Moved by Meeske seconded by Hemje there being no further business to adjourn at 9:42 am.
Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Scott Snell.
Nays: None. Absent: None. Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary



Hastings Utilities Excellence in Reliability Award 2023

June 2024 Advisory Board

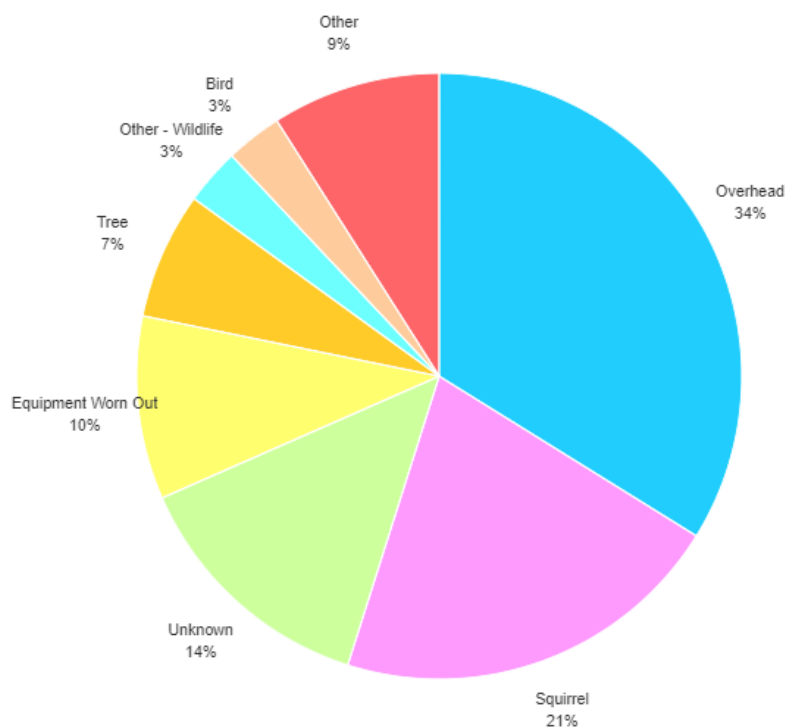
Hastings Utilities Awards

- Hastings Utilities has been awarded the Excellence in Reliability for 2021, 2022, and 2023 outage years
- The award recognizes that Hastings Utilities is in the top quartile (25%) of utilities for average interruption duration
- The award bases performance as compared to other Utilities not as compared to a target number.

Reliability Indices

- System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI): Measures the total duration of an interruption for the average customer during a given time (can be day, month, or year)
- Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI): Measures average time to restore service
- System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI): Measures the average number of times that a customer experiences an outage during a time period (can be day, month, or year)

2023 Outage Causes



Outage Cause	Count	View
Overhead	45	
Squirrel	28	
Unknown	18	
Equipment Worn Out	13	
Tree	9	
Other - Wildlife	4	
Bird	4	
Lightning	4	
Vehicle Accident	3	
Storm	3	
Wind	1	
Electrical Failure	1	
Total	133	

Applicable Critical Initiatives

- New WEC substation allows feeders 244 and 273 to be fed from either direction or split up
- Upgrades to 7th and B St substations will facilitate reduction in the number of customers on heavily loaded feeders
- AMI, GIS, and OMS all continue to expand and work together to automatically report issues and reduce restoration time
- Fiber optic upgrades improve communication within the system

Why do we care about the data sent to APPA?

- To better understand how well we are serving customers during an outage
- Ensuring we are consistent with how we record outages
- They can indicate performance of the electric system itself
 - Longer circuit (feeder) length tends to have more interruptions
 - If system changes are put in place, able to monitor the interruptions of that specific area

Utilities Administration

