

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 13, 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 June 13, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 June 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Meeske to adopt the current agenda for the June 13, 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, 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:

Today is Kevin's last Utility Board Meeting. He has really appreciated the board and their support and help. The challenges and that you all were here for us. Brandan discusses an issue that wasn't on the agenda, but had popped up. Well 8 that is on 12th and Crane has tested high on the nitrates. It was tested in April and was average. Tested in May and it was high. Shut the well off immediately and notified the state. On June 10th it was sampled again, and it was still testing high. The public, press, papers have been notified. We have the resources around it to be okay this summer.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Appreciate everything that Kevin has done for us. Had the opportunity to go to San Diego for the APPA National conference. Bringing back some great information to hopefully discuss with the Utilities.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

Always a lot of good information and networking at the conference.

Thank you Kevin for all of your hard work. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of May 9, 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. Budget Development Status

Larry to give an update on the budget development status.

This year a decision was made to go with teams and work together. It has created efficiency that wasn't there in the past. Staff will be working on prioritization. Will be working on the operating and maintenance budget over the next few weeks. Electric Cost of Service study is being worked on as well.

The week of July 15th through 19th is when we will be trying to schedule the individual meetings. July 25th is when the budget will be presented to the board.

- (b) Production

- (c) Operations

i. APPA Reliability Award Details

Jaci and Noel presented a slide describing the award that was received.

Noel also commented on how we helped a rural community after they were hit with a storm. We are part of mutual aid and communities call them when they need help.

Hastings Utilities Excellence in Reliability Award 2023

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 quantile 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.

- 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.

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

(d) Administration

(e) Other

i. HU Organizational Changes

Derek Reviews the new Organizational chart. When someone retires, we always evaluate the position to see if it can be spread out or if it needs a replacement. There have been a lot of transitions.

He also thanks Kevin for everything that he has brought to us.

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

ADJOURN:

Everyone gives a final word and thanks Kevin for all of his work.

Moved by Dewalt seconded by Hemje there being no further business to adjourn at 10:00 am.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Scott Snell.

Nays: None. Absent: None. Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary