

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6th Ave., Hibbing, MN 55746, held on June 23rd, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN. Commissioner Bayliss called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Bayliss, Commissioner Sandstede, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Babich, Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, Kendra Powers; Energy & Operations Manager, Paul Plombon, Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna, Power Plant Manager, Dan Edwards; Interim Financial Controller, Tammy Mattonen; Executive Assistant, Magan Schoeben; and Grant Writer & Engagement Specialist, Eliot Dixon. Also in attendance were HPU Employee & Local 94 Union President, George Pogachnik, Lisa Crum, with Crum Energy Law, and Community Members, Mark Reger, and Tim Powers. Bethany Ryers, Baker Tilly Representative, attended via Teams.

ADDS/DELETES

Action Item 4. & Action Item 5. moved to the end of the action items. Discussion items moved to the end of the meeting.

Item 1. Authorize Request for Contribution from the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Sandstede to authorize the request for contribution to the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Authorize Commission to Attend 7/7/26 & 7/8/26 Strategic Planning Meeting with Karleen Kos, CEO of MMUA.

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes, to approve Commission to Attend 7/7/26 & 7/8/26 Strategic Planning Meeting with Karleen Kos, CEO of MMUA.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Authorize Quarter 3 Travel

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Bayliss to approve travel to the MMUA Summer Conference in St. Cloud as listed, and the Customer Service Lead to attend the Utility 2030 Energize Retreat to finish their training program. The APGA Confrence to be excluded from the quarter three travel list.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Authorize IT Service Company Switch

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes, to approve the IT service company switching from VC3 to FUSIONTech LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approve Resolution 26-09; Surplus Equipment

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Sanstede, to approve Resolution 26-09; Surplus Equipment with the exclusion of (1) 2004 International Semi-Trailer LEA, (1) Roto chopper 266 Wood Grinder, (1) Vermeer Woodchipper, (1) Titan Walking Floor Trailer LEA.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approve Resolution 26-10 Authorizing Banking Designated Signers

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Sandstede to approve Resolution 26-10 Authorizing Banking Designated Signers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Approve General Manager Revised Job Description

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to approve General Manager revised job description.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Approval to Recruit for General Manager

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to approve recruiting for General Manager.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Authorize Purchase from Novaspect

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes to authorize purchase from Novaspect.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10 Authorize Purchase of Feed Water Pump Recirc Valve

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to authorize purchase of Feed Water Pump Recirc Valve.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11 Approval of Vegetation Management

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Stokes, to approve awarding a contract to the lowest responsive bidder.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12 Approval for May Financials – Bethany Ryers presenting Virtually

Commission request for investment account to be referred to as 4M Account when reviewing financials.

Motion by Commissioner Hart, supported by Commissioner Babich to approve May Financials as presented by Baker Tilly Representative, Bethany Ryers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13 Request Transfer from 4M Account

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Motion by Commissioner Babich, supported by Commissioner Bayliss to approve the transfer of 900,000 dollars from the 4M Account.

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c), to consider the purchase of real property.

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes, to enter closed session to consider the purchase of real property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session took place from 5:21pm to 6:07pm.

Discussion Items

1. Transition Committee Update
2. Approval Limit Discussion
3. Financials/Cashflow/Auto Signature
4. Two Phase Approach to Upgrade Operating System at Power Plant
5. Remote Vehicle Monitoring
6. Charitable Contributions
7. Rate Increases

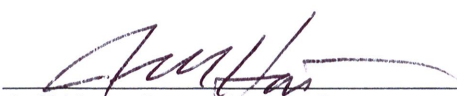
Commission reviewed and discussed the listed discussion items. The Commission took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary



James Bayliss, Chair

Meeting materials are available at
The next meeting is a working session scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. at the Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN 55746.

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