

Pursuant to due and proper notice there of a meeting of the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 2:00 PM at City Hall – Council Chambers.

Present: Larson, Seliski, Summerville, Karlgaard, Kaufman

Absent: None

Others: Director of Public Services Crocker, Finance Officer Mauch

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Karlgaard to approved the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Kaufman and carried unanimously.

#### Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Summerville offered a motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Seleski and carried unanimously.

#### City Officials

There was nothing to report on from City Officials.

#### Utility Management

##### Bills and Claims

Commissioner Karlgaard offered a motion to approve the following Bills and Claims. Seconded by Commissioner Kaufman and carried unanimously.

Breckenridge Port Authority	Cold Storage Rental - Utility	\$ 1,125.00
Breckenridge Public Utilities	Lift Station Electricity	1,457.55
Core & Main	Water Meters (100)	18,300.00
Dahm & Sons, LLC	Polaris Ranger Repairs	493.27
Disposal Services, Inc.	Sludge Disposal	3,058.33
Ethanol Products, LLC	CO2 - Water Plant	3,810.60
Farm City Supply	Safety Boots, Batteries, etc. - Utility	571.39
Fastenal Company	Supplies - Electric	18.11
Graymont (WI) LLC	Lime - Water Plant	7,097.06
I & S Group, Inc	Lead Service Lines Expense	2,500.00
Locators & Supplies	Locate Training - Utility	950.00
MN Municipal Util. Assn.	Admin Fees-Lineman College-Easton & Ace	600.00
ND Sewage Pump & Lift Sta	Annual Serv Contract-Lift Stations	1,200.00
RMB Environmental Lab, Inc.	Lagoon Testing - Sewer	870.49
St. Mary's School	Rebate-MRES-Food Service Incentive	225.00
Stuart C. Irby Company	Wire, Grips, Rubber Goods, etc. - Electric	1,572.85
Summerville Electric, Inc	Water Meter Wire Run	392.55
Todd's Welding Shop	Repairs - Boom Truck - Electric	413.84
Verizon Wireless	Util Cell Phones	139.03
Wally's Plumbing Services	Gate Valve Repairs - Water	151.00
Wesco Distributing, Inc.	Splices, Bolts, Voltage Detector - Electric	882.93

601 Electric \$ 5,346.27  
602 Sewer 3,574.38  
603 Water 36,908.35

\$ 45,829.00
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TOTAL - \$45,829.00

#### Crew Updates

Electric: Director Crocker informed members that crew has started their underground wiring project with Scott's Electric doing the boring. He also mentioned that they hired two interns whom have just finished their lineman schooling at a rate of \$15/hr. With the underground project, Neil would like to keep them past their two-week internship. They will be applying to other companies but until they are hired, they could help out here. Commissioner Seleski moved to approve the interns staying longer until the work slows down or they are hired elsewhere. Seconded by Commissioner Karlgaard and carried unanimously.

Water/Wastewater: Director Crocker informed members that the crew has been jetting sewers, drinking water samples, and releasing the ponds. Commissioner Larson asked if the jetting of the sewers would cause a toilet to overflow. Neil indicated that is the first sign that they have a line that is partially plugged and may need to be rotor rooted out.

They are going to try and release the ponds one more time if they can. That helps with keeping the phosphorus levels down. They are only allowed to release in the Spring and the Fall so by doing it twice this Spring would help out a lot.

#### MESERB Summer Conference, July 10-11, 2025

MESERB will be holding their summer conference if anyone is interested in attending. It is mostly legal information but they will be talking about the phosphorus discharge limits.

#### Other

Neil informed the Commission that the Utilities Phosphorus permit will be expiring next April. He will need to send in the application for a new one by October 2025. They have been under the maximum levels that past 5 years but we have been in a drought as well which helps.

Breckenridge is in a group along with 4 other cities along the Red River which have come up with a type of Point Trading agreement for when they are over the phosphorus limits. In that agreement, it would force the PU to take part in a Point Trading project which may cost up to \$800,000 for when they are over the limit. The other alternative is if we just take our chances and pay a fine possibly around \$5000. Neil will try and find out what the fine schedule is as well as what the new limits may be before the Commission makes a decision to opt out of the agreement and take our chances. Right now the limit is 1382 kg annually.

Neil has been visiting with Dennis from the City of Wahpeton regarding a regional treatment system which would consist of communities sending all of their waste to the one treatment site. That may happen someday but nothing right now.

Neil also send a letter to Fishback and Klobuchar hoping to get a grant to help pay for a new force main going from the Highway 75 lift to the ponds. If the Infinity Center goes in as well as more housing, that may be needed.

#### Commission Comments

Commissioner Seleski inquired about the potential carwash by the new water plant. Neil has a meeting with MnDOT on Thursday to discuss the issue of having to add a turning lane at the driveway location. MnDOT tried telling him that it was done wrong when the new water plant was built even though MnDOT had their own engineers at the site while it was being built.

There being no further business Commissioner Kaufman moved to adjourn at 2:51 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Summerville and carried unanimously.

Hope Karlgaard, Secretary/Treasurer  
Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission