

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, June 27 at 2:00pm, at City Hall – Council Chambers.

Present: Commissioners Martinson, Graves, and Larson

Absent: Commissioner Karlgaard

Others Present: Director of Public Services Crocker, Finance Officer Johnson

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as printed.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Martinson offered a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Monday, May 22nd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves and carried unanimously.

City Officials

No updates from the City Officials.

Crew Updates

Electric: Director of Public Services Crocker informed the Commission the electrical department did the underground wiring for the five houses through the alleyway by St. Mary's since the ground was already tore up. The electrical department has also been busy doing locates along with other work orders.

Water/Wastewater: The water/sewer crew has been sending in lagoon pond samples along with fluoride samples. They are fifty percent complete with jetting, they will go back to working on lead line identifications. They also did some repairs to one of the lift stations after losing a part of the valve.

Red Rock Hydroelectric Project Tour Dates

Director of Public Services Neil Crocker shared the dates to be vote on to attend the Hydroelectric project MRES which are:

- Wednesday, **June 28**, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, **August 3**, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, **August 17**, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 3:00 p.m.

The committee recommended sending committee and/or City Council member(s) to tour on August 17th.

MN DNR- Water Use Fee Increase

Director of Public Services Neil Crocker informed the committee the MN DNR will have a revised surcharge going into effect July 1, 2023, of \$50 per million gallons. This was information only.

Midwest Biosolids Association Update

Director of Public Services Neil Crocker shared with the committee that MESERB along with Midwest Biosolids Association (MBA) are collaborating to address the concerns of PFAs (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) that are in some sanitary sewer systems. Discussion was held around becoming a member of this organization and the cost. The topic was tabled until further information can be provided to the Director of Public Services.

Fill Stations Update

Director of Public Services provided an update on why our larger companies were not charged at temporary rate fill stations as they are customers of the Breckenridge Public Utilities when the fill station(s) rate had been added to the Breckenridge Public Utility rate card.

Chazaq Tournament Pledge Request

Finance Officer Johnson shared with the committee the sponsor request from Chazaq Tournament. A motion was made by Commissioner Graves to approve a \$100 to support the tournament. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Summerville and carried unanimously.

Headwaters Royalty Program Pledge Request

Finance Officer Johnson shared with the committee a sponsorship request from Headwaters Royalty Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Graves to approve a \$100 to support the year-old program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Summerville and carried unanimously.

Financials

May 31, 2023, Financial Statements were reviewed. No formal action was taken.

Other

Discussion was held around MMUA conference at the end of August. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinson to approve sending up to five members to the Summer Conference in the amount up to \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves and carried unanimously.

Director of Public Services Crocker was contacted by MRES to be a generating facility. Funding is available to assist with the build. If done, the Breckenridge Public Utilities would be called on by MRES, MISO and SASP to run these generators if there was a grid overload or energy emergency. The topic was tabled for the next meeting as the committee requested more information from Director of Public Services.

Commission Comments

None.

There being no further business Commissioner Summerville offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves and carried unanimously.

Russell Graves, Secretary/Treasurer
Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission