

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday, March 20th 2:00 PM, at City Hall – Council Chambers.

Present: Commissioners Martinson, Graves, Karlgaard, Summerville, Larson

Absent:

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Summerville and carried unanimously.

City Officials

No updates from the City Officials.

Utility Management

Bills and Claims

Commissioner Graves offered a motion to approve the following Bills and Claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Karlgaard and carried unanimously.

Bills and Claims 03-20-23 Util		
Blazer Express, Inc.	Gas- Util	\$ 139.31
Border States Electric Supply	Ground Rod Driver, Inventory- Elect	1,045.57
Builders First Source	Repair Items- Shop Remodel- Util	1,228.53
Cooper's Office Supply, Inc.	Furniture and Install- Shop Remodel- Util	14,674.74
Cummins Sales and Service	WP General Inspection	460.01
Daily News	AD- BPU Rebates- BES- Util	427.00
Dakota Mailing, Shipping, Inc.	Sorter Fees	92.26
EconoFoods-Breck	Plates, Cutlery, Coffee- Water	63.97
Farm City Supply	Shop Remodel, Sealer for W. Plant, Misc	541.96
Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel, Sealant, Hose Clamp- Util	1,441.08
Great Plains Natural Gas	Nat Gas- Util	218.09
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals- W Plant	3,590.32
Lloyd's 75 Service	Ford 2010 Pickup Oil Change- Util	56.88
Midco Communications	Int- W Plant	212.34
Missouri River Energy Ser	MRES Bill	178,644.21
MN Dept. of Commerce	Electrical Assessments- Qtr 4	638.47
MN Municipal Util. Assn.	Books/Module- Substion School- Gravelle	676.00
MN Pollution Control Agency	2023 Lagoon Permit	1,450.00
Nelson Auto Center	2002 Ford Pickup Repairs- Water	2,219.86
OK Tires	Little Bucket Truck Repairs- Elect	1,771.16
Pitney Bowes	PM Rental	171.00
Quill Corporation	Paper, Hanging Folders- Util	309.92
Red River Communications	Phone Lines - Util	98.66

RMB Environmental Lab, Inc.	Water Bacteria & Phosphorus Testing	395.31
Stuart C. Irby Company	Inventory, Seal Kit- Elect	62,998.16
Vision Ford	#13 Repairs- Elect	782.23
Waste Mgmt Of WI-MN	Garbage PU	902.45
		\$ 275,249.49

601 Electric \$ 253,495.31
602 Sewer \$ 7,382.05
603 Water \$ 14,372.13
TOTAL: \$ 275,249.49

Crew Updates

Electric: Director of Public Service Crocker informed the Commission the electrical department is taking down the garland from the holiday season and putting back up the banners along the bike path. They are also switching out light bulbs on street lights along with substation checks throughout the city on various transformers.

Water/Wastewater: Crew has been sending in lagoon pond samples, working on lead line identifications, along with updating inventory as requested by the state.

MRES Annual Meeting- May 10-11, 2023

Director of Public Services Crocker shared with the Utility Commission the Annual MRES Meeting on May 10-11th held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Commissioner Karlgaard offered a motion to have sending Commission members open to whomever is available and would like to attend the meeting along with Public Service Director, Neil Crocker. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves and carried unanimously.

EVA Charger/LM (Load Management) Discussion

Director Crocker shared with the Utility Commission that there have been several inquiries regarding Level 2 EV chargers. The discussion and concern is how does BPU want to manage EV chargers relative to our Load management system. Director Crocker reached out to MRES as well as the cities of Detroit Lakes and Staples for input. Input from these cities is to have EV chargers on a system that can be controlled by the Utility. Commissioner Summerville discussed some potential challenges regarding various wiring possibilities to existing homes vs new construction homes. No formal action was taken on the subject but it was unanimously agreed upon that having control over these chargers will be in the best interest of BPU. It was also agreed upon that a transition to partial AMI would be the first step to resolving these types of issues in the future.

Financial Statements

February 28, 2023, Financial Statements were reviewed. No formal action was taken.

Other

No items were presented.

Commission Comments

There being no further business Commissioner Graves offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Summerville and carried unanimously.

Russell Graves, Secretary/Treasurer
Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission