

**MINUTES OF THE
MANITOWOC PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

The scheduled meeting of the Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission was called to order by President Allie at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2024. In attendance were Commissioners Diedrich, Hornung, McMeans, Nickels, Roberts, and Sitkiewitz. Also present were Bob Bouril, Joe Stodola, Tiffany Myers, Andy Onesti, Cindy Carter, Jeremy Fischer, and Carissa Grimm - MPU; Troy Adams - General Manager; and Attorney Andrew Steimle - Steimle Birschbach, LLC.

OPEN FORUM: B. Bouril updated the Commission on the MPU line technicians who were dispatched to Florida under Mutual Aid following Hurricane Milton.

RECOGNITION OF PROMOTION TO POWER PLANT MANAGER: T. Adams recognized with Commission Joseph Stodola for his recent promotion to Power Plant Manager.

Commission President Allie, on behalf of the Commission took a moment to recognize and thank all Veteran's for their service.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting on October 14, 2024 were presented for approval.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims List dated October 29, 2024; Claims List dated November 12, 2024; and Wires dated November 6, 2024 were presented for approval.

QUOTATIONS/BIDS: Bill and Print Services; Sludge Hauling and Field Applications; and Power Plant Replacement Demineralizer.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Sitkiewitz and seconded by Commissioner Allie to approve the Regular Session Minutes from October 14, 2024; Claims List dated October 29, 2024 check nos. 106041 through 106170 totaling \$1,217,693.61; Claims List dated November 12, 2024 check nos. 106171 through 106280 totaling \$1,243,300.06; Wire Transfers dated through November 6, 2024 totaling \$3,126,879.49; to place on file the Financial Reports for September 2024; and to approve the quotations as follows: Bill and Print Services - \$26,719.08 - UMS; Sludge Hauling and Field Application - \$516,860.00; Power Plant Replacement Demineralizer - \$843,983.00 - Coenen Mechanical, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Bouril and Joe Stodola left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

CONVENE MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION: Notice had been previously given that Manitowoc Public Utilities Commission will adjourn into a closed session during the November 11, 2024 meeting pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to discuss the approval of the minutes of the September 23, 2024 Closed Session Meeting, and Manitowoc Refuel Renewable Project.

MOTION: A Motion to convene in closed session was made by Commissioner Sitkiewitz and seconded by Commissioner Diedrich. Motion carried unanimously. Accordingly, the Commission convened in closed session at 4:05 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 4:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Nickels and seconded by Commissioner Sitkiewitz to approve proceeding with the acquisition of Convergen assets and request City Council approval to exceed the \$5 million purchasing threshold as required by City Ordinance; proceed with preparing documents for PSC approval; and to continue negotiations with Convergen. Motion carried unanimously.

Tiffany Myers joined the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

2025-2029 BUSINESS PLAN: Resulting from the Commission Policy Manual, a Business Plan was developed, which incorporates the Capital and O&M budgets along with the Strategic Plan, with the primary goal of supporting the long-term financial sustainability of MPU. C. Carter provided a high-level overview of the Plan covering factors relating to potential future rate increases and large spends. A brief discussion was held on the customer facing portal, employee review and communication software, the steam allocation study, and new positions budgeted. Commission thanked the team for their efforts in creating the Business Plan.

Commissioner Roberts left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich and seconded by Commissioner McMeans to approve the 2025-2029 Business Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Tiffany Myers left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: The report was distributed for review with a brief discussion on the APPA Legislative Rally and the CBCWA correspondence.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Nickels. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.


Approved: Troy Adams, General Manager


Approved: Dan Hornung, Secretary