

Cumberland, Wisconsin  
March 21, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland Municipal Utility Commission was called to order on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room located at 1265 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin, by Commission President Louis E. Muench. The following commissioners were present: Louis E. Muench, Gerald Thon, Dennis Zappa, Craig Turcott and Tom Goldsmith. Also, in attendance was General Manager Dean Bergstrom, Office Supervisor Lori Nyhus and guest, Linda Hanson. There was no public comment.

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting that had been provided in advance of the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Zappa and seconded by Thon to approve the set of minutes from February 21, 2022 as presented; motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the voucher listing for approval that had been provided in advance and discussed various entries with the General Manager. After discussion, a motion was made by Thon and seconded by Turcott, to approve payment of said vouchers numbered 12526 through 12638, with 10 automatic payment transactions, for a total dollar amount of \$394,756.65. Motion carried; vouchers approved.

Mrs. Nyhus then reviewed the financial position of the Utility with the commissioners on paper materials that were provided in advance and by overhead projection via PowerPoint. Sales were down in all categories. In the Electric Department, kilowatt sales were down mainly due to the extreme cold weather in February 2021 compared to 2022 conditions that were not so cold. Our kilowatts are still up almost 3.5% compared to last year at this time. In the Water Department, sales were up in all areas except for Industrial and Public Authority, down about .5% for the month and up almost 1.5% year-to-date. The Water Department is always in the red during the winter months until Seneca begins their canning season. Sewer sales are also down almost 7% for the month and down about 2% year-to-date. The REC sales are up slightly at about 1%. We are at approximately the same income year-to-date as we were last year. We made some debt payments in Long-Term Debt Retirement, Collection System Replacement Fund, the Utility Loan Payment and also Debt Service Reserve. We also paid an Energenics lift station pump service agreement and when compared to last year, we did not pay it until May. Financially, the Utility as a whole is in good financial position. A motion was made by Goldsmith and seconded by Turcott to approve the financial statements and reports as presented; motion carried.

The General Manager then informed the commissioners that we had four frozen water services. In addition, we had a small issue at a residence on Western Avenue where stray voltage went into the residence and melted some electrical wires in the basement. It was discovered by the electrician that the house was not properly grounded and we are very fortunate that there were no additional problems. We also had one watermain break on Mill Hill on Comstock Avenue. That whole line on Comstock Avenue between Grove and Sorenson Streets will need to be replaced in the future. We also had two homes with furnaces that went out and pipes broke. The homes were vacant at the time resulting in thousands of gallons of water used. This is an example of another benefit of the automatic meter reading system. Water leaks would be detected as they occur and a daily report would show anyone that uses excess of a certain amount of water in a 24 hour period. Also, it was noted that Trystin Adams, our apprentice lineman, put his notice in as he is taking a job with Barron Electric Cooperative. His last day will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The General Manager was happy to report that Cumberland Municipal Utility received the APPA (American Public Power Association) Safety Award of Excellence. APPA is a national association that we are members of through UMMEG. In addition, Katie Goin from the Wastewater Department was the 2021 Wisconsin Rural Water Association Operator of the Year for District 4 at the conference that was held in LaCrosse.

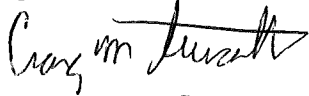
Next, the General Manager informed the commissioners that an engine balancing box that is used to balance all our engines has gone bad and it may be \$10,000-\$15,000 to replace. Also, there is no update on the bucket truck or the digger truck. We are still waiting to hear when we will be able to take ownership of them. Lastly, the General Manager will be meeting with the new Plant Manager of Seneca to discuss any potential future changes in Seneca's production before we get too far into possibly putting in a new well at the water tower site.

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It was noted that the next commission meeting date will be Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Office.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Thon and seconded by Zappa. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig M. Turcott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Craig M. Turcott, Secretary