

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
(Special Meeting)

President Amundson called the session of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at the Shakopee Public Utilities meeting room at 5:00 P.M., April 23, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Amundson, Meyer, Mocol, Brennan and Fox. Also present, Utilities Manager Crooks. Commissioners Meyer, Mocol, Brennan and Fox attended via WebEx.

Commissioner Brennan reviewed to process in selecting the attorneys and their law firm to oversee the investigations against the SPU Utilities Manager.

The law firm selected was LeVander, Gillen & Miller. The two attorneys are Korine Land and Angela Lutz Amann.

The three areas of the investigation will be the allegations of altering a document, exceeding the Governor's Salary Cap statute and the use of a Commissioner's only agenda packet.

Commissioner Meyer agreed with Commissioner Brennan and stated the law firm and attorneys were recommended by the League of MN Cities (LMC).

Commissioner Meyer stated that Greg Drent will serve as the SPU staff liaison to facilitate information gathering and meeting set-ups. Commissioners Meyer and Brennan will stay on as the members of the informal working group, as appointed during the April 20 SPU Commission meeting.

Each attorney then provided an overview of their backgrounds and qualifications.

Commissioner Meyer stated that SPU is a member of the LMC.

Commissioner Fox asked if it was appropriate to place the employee on administrative leave. It was stated it is too early for any discipline against the employee.

Commissioner Mocol asked about a timeline regarding the investigation. It was stated that it was too early to establish any timeline. It was again asked about administrative leave for the employee and again it was stated it was too early in the process.

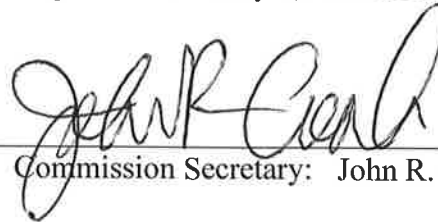
Motion by Brennan, seconded by Fox to accept the two representatives from LeVander, Gillen & Miller to oversee the investigation as discussed. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Brennan that outside counsel present a proposed retainer agreement to the informal working group and if acceptable, to have the Commission President execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission. Motion carried.

Commission Fox asked if a special meeting should be set up in 5 days. It was stated that the SPU Commission should just meet at the next regular meeting, May 4. Commissioner Meyer stated that in his experience it should be expected to be a 60-90 day process.

The attorneys also stated that it was too early in the process to determine how many people would need to be interviewed regarding the investigation.

Motion by Mocol, seconded by Meyer to adjourn to the May 4, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.



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Commission Secretary: John R. Crooks