

MINUTES OF THE
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
September 6, 2022
Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order. President Mocol called the September 6, 2022, meeting of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at 5:00 PM. President Mocol, Vice President Krieg, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Letourneau were present.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda. Commissioner Brennan moved approval of the consent agenda: (3a) August 15, 2022 Minutes; (3b) September 6, 2022 Agenda; (3c) September 6, 2022 Warrant List, and (3d) Second Amendment to MMPA Sales Agreement. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Ayes: Mocol, Krieg, Brennan, Fox, and Letourneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Marketing/Key Accounts Report. Sharon Walsh, Director of Key Accounts/Marketing/Special Projects reported that the State approved the CIP 2021 results and 2023 submission. For the AMI bid responses, Ms. Walsh noted that Katama, SPU's consultant, recommended narrowing the responders to two vendors for further consideration. She reported that SPU and MVEC are preparing a joint communication to customers as to scheduling delays due to the delayed delivery of MVEC meters, and that she is working with MVEC special rate customers to help them transition to SPU rates/services. Ms. Walsh noted that NISC provided its first training session, and she is working on customer communications as to the launch and ACH or AutoPay options. She also reported that two new businesses joined the Clean Energy Choice program since the last Commission meeting.
4. SPU Quarterly Investment Performance Review/Economic & Market Update Kelley Willemsen, Director of Finance and Administration, introduced Brian Johnson and Danny Nelson of PFM Asset Management. They provided a market update, as well as an update on SPU's portfolio performance and preliminary cash flow analysis.
5. Liaison Report. Commissioner Brennan noted that Tap 2022, which promotes innovation in the beer industry in Shakopee, will occur on September 10th. She noted that Rahr Malting is celebrating its 175th year in Shakopee.
6. Public Comment Period. No public comments were offered.
7. General Manager Report. Greg Drent, General Manager, reported that SPU hosted its first blood drive, with 27 donations that could save 81 lives; SPU's next blood drive will occur on November 3, 2022. Mr. Drent noted that the MPUC will consider the SPU/MVEC electric service territory boundary changes on September 15, and he plans to attend. Mr. Drent noted SPU's work with the School District on a proposed solar project and that he plans to present at

an upcoming School Board meeting. He provided an update on the MMUA summer conference sessions. Mr. Drent noted that consultant Dave Berg is working on rates for EV charging, including DC fast chargers, irrigation fees, and processed water. He noted that SPU is exploring additional options for water treatment sites. He noted that SPU will be closed from 7:30 to 8:30 AM on Thursday, September 8th for an all-staff meeting on the performance review process.

8. Water Report. Lon Schemel, Water Superintendent, noted that there is no hydrant flushing update, with staff out on vacation. For Well 23, he noted that they continue to pump sand and the project is still expected to be completed by November. He does not yet have PFAS testing results.

9. Static Water Levels Results. Mr. Schemel provided information on SPU's static water levels. He noted that SPU enjoys an excess supply. He explained that SPU rotates wells to help them regenerate and has automatic irrigation controls. He highlighted SPU customers saving over one million gallons of water through rebates and conservation measures.

10. Electric Report. Brad Carlson, Electric Superintendent, provided project updates, including Blue Lake Substation, Cty. Road 14 and SMSC, McKenna Road streetlights, putting together tie points for the MVEC service transfer, underground electric on Polk Street, and lowering Dean Lake/41 for a new cul-de-sac. Mr. Carlson provided an update on the Shakopee West Substation, noting that grading is completed, foundation work, and the switch house. He noted that three outages occurred since the last Commission meeting; two were very small and the larger outage -- after a contractor bore into SPU's feeder -- lasted approximately 38 minutes.

11. Solar Program Workshop. Mr. Drent and Joseph Adams, Director of Planning and Engineering, presented information on solar projects, rebates, and rates. They noted that over 200 solar arrays are currently on SPU's system, and most are under 40 kW, which are eligible for net metering. They explained that for solar systems with 40 kW capacity and above, SPU purchases the output at the avoided capacity and energy costs. They also noted that SPU helped the School District to evaluate the energy and financial information for its proposed two systems. Mr. Adams explained that the Environmental Learning Center at Shakopee High School was initiated by MMUA, and SPU provided funding for the wind turbine; the Center's battery storage element is outdated. The Commission requested further information on battery and other options. Mr. Adams and Mr. Drent also noted that a large solar developer recently applied for a solar project of 400 kW but requested net metering. They noted that SPU staff and MMPA representatives explained that this size of project is not eligible for net metering.

12. Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commission Letourneau, to adjourn to the Monday, October 3, 2022, meeting. Ayes: Mocol, Krieg, Brennan, Fox, and Letourneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Greg Drent, Commission Secretary