

MINUTES OF THE
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
February 3, 2025
Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order. President Krieg called the February 3, 2025 meeting of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at 5:00 P.M. President Krieg, Vice President Letourneau, Commissioner DuLaney, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Mocol were present.
2. Communication. Sharon Walsh, Director of Key Accounts/Marketing and Special Projects, explained four options in response to the Gavins' requested exemption from AMI water and electric meters. After discussion, Commissioner Mocol moved to follow SPU's existing Opt Outside Policy, and to direct staff to present the options of a faraday cage or mounting the electric meter and water comm module across the alley for the customers' consideration at their expense. Vice President Letourneau seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Fox, and Mocol. Nays: None.
3. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mocol moved to approve the consent agenda: (a) January 6, 2025 minutes; (b) February 3, 2025 agenda; (c) February 3, 2025 warrant list; (d) MMPA January 2025 meeting update; (e) Monthly Water Dashboard for December 2024; (f) Agreement with Current Compass; and (g) County Project No. 78-07 Construction Cooperative Agreement. Commissioner DuLaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Fox, and Mocol. Nays: None.
4. Public Comment Period. Dave Burger, 2680 Maple Trail, addressed the solar grid access charge and the impact on the larger solar system that he had installed several years ago. Staff will review this information and prepare a response for a future meeting.
5. Liaison Report. Commissioner DuLaney reported that he was reappointed as City Council-Commission Liaison for two more years. He noted a customer question about the safety of AMI meters. He also noted the roundabouts installed along Marystown Road. Commissioner DuLaney thanked SPU for donating water for Hockey Day Minnesota.
6. Water Report. Brad Carlson, Director of Field Operations, gave an update on water projects, including Pumphouse #23 permanent power, AMI meter changeouts, chlorine maintenance, request regarding connection for tower cooling, responding to a water leak, and discussions with the Fire Department regarding emergency response plans for a chemical release.
7. Combined Minnesota Department of Health/SPU PFAS Results for Environmental Protection Agency Method 533. Greg Drent, General Manager, reported that the recent testing results show that all SPU wells meet requirements.
8. Accept Bids and Award Contract for Tank #9. Ryan Halverson, Engineering Supervisor – Water, summarized the bid process for the elevated storage Tank 9 project, rejecting all bids

received in September 2024, and rebidding with revised plans. There was one response to the current RFP. Commissioner Fox moved to award the contract to Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$4,663,000 and to approve the total project budget of \$5,483,000. Commissioner Mocol seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Fox, and Mocol. Nays: None.

9. Water Town #3 – Custom Design. Ms. Walsh presented initial design options. Commissioners provided their thoughts and comments.

10. Electric Report. Mr. Carlson reported one outage since the last Commission meeting, a primary underground fault that affected approximately 29 customers for about 2 hours. He provided an update of projects, including joint trenching, Pumphouse #23, and installing 800 MHz radios in SPU vehicles. He also reported that relays at the West Shakopee Substation were swapped out due to a recall and sent in for repair.

11. Marketing/Key Account Report. Ms. Walsh reported that SPU has installed 19,856 electric AMI meters (approximately 1,000 remaining) and 9,800 water meters (approximately 2,700 remaining). She also noted that approximately 200 customers have received penalties for failing to schedule the meter changeout, with 26 letters indicating disconnection of service is next if they do not schedule the appointment. Ms. Walsh noted work on educational pieces for the website explain the solar grid access charge. She reported that SPU is adding electric yard tools to its residential conservation program.

12. Goals 2025. Mr. Drent presented the proposed 2025 SPU goals prepared by SPU's leadership team. The Commission discussed the goals and potential items for future development. Vice President Letourneau move to approve the 2025 Goals as presented. Commissioner DuLaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Fox, and Mocol. Nays: None.

13. General Manager Report. Mr. Drent reported that he attended the MMUA legislative conference and met with state legislators to discuss issues such as the carbon free initiative, net metering reform, nuclear power, and PFAS funding challenges. He also explained that SPU filled two positions, its use of mPower software, and that most disconnects are now done remotely through the AMI system.

14. Items for Future Agendas. The solar grid access charge was suggested.

15. Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Mocol, seconded by Commissioner Fox, to adjourn. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Fox, and Mocol. Nays: None.


Greg Drent, Commission Secretary