

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

1. Call to Order. President Krieg called the March 3, 2025 meeting of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at 5:00 P.M. President Krieg, Vice President Letourneau, Commissioner DuLaney, and Commissioner Mocol were present.
2. Communication. Greg Drent, General Manager, provided an overview of recent customer correspondence concerning both SPU's AMI policy and the solar grid access charge. He noted that varying from current policy concerning AMI would need a policy decision from the Commission. The Commission discussed that to date only two customers have opted outside. Commissioners also suggested including alternatives on meter placement that the Commission has discussed (faraday cage, alley placement) in the policy. Commissioner Mocol noted that SPU offered accommodations in the appeal process as to AMI meter placement, which the customers rejected. Mr. Drent noted that the agenda includes an item on the solar grid access charge.
3. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mocol moved to approve the consent agenda:
  - 3a. Approval of February 3, 2025 Minutes;
  - 3b. Approval of March 3, 2025 Agenda;
  - 3c. March 3, 2025 Warrant List;
  - 3d. MMPA February 2025 Meeting Updates;
  - 3e. Drive-Up Hour Change;
  - 3f. Monthly Water Dashboard for January 2025;
  - 3g. AMI Opt-Out Policy Documentation;
  - 3h. 2024 - Preliminary Financial Reports;
  - 3i. Res #2025-01 Resolution Setting the Amount of the Trunk Water Charges, Approving of its Collection and Authorizing Water Service to Certain Property Described as: Palomino Trail;
  - 3j. Res #2025-02 Resolution Approving of the Estimated Cost of Pipe Oversizing on the Watermain Project: Palomino Trail;
  - 3k. Res #2025-03 Resolution Approving of Payment for the Pipe Oversizing Costs on the Watermain Project: Arbor Bluff 1<sup>st</sup> Addition;
  - 3l. Res #2025-04 Resolution Approving of Payment for the Pipe Oversizing Costs on the Watermain Project: Highview Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition;
  - 3m. Res# 2025-05 Resolution Approving Shakopee Public Utilities Commission's Cogeneration and Small Power Production Tariff; and
  - 3n. AMI Customer Appeal and Resolution #2025-06.

Vice President Letourneau seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, and Mocol. Nays: None.

4. Public Comment Period. Victoria Ranua, addressed the large-scale data centers and the impact of on electric and water consumption on SPU's system. Andrea addressed health and data privacy concerns with the AMI system, and requested an opt-out alternative for AMI on behalf of her mother.
5. Liaison Report. Commissioner DuLaney reported there is a public event, Conversation with the City of Shakopee, at Badger Hill on Wednesday, from 6 to 7.
6. Water Report. Brad Carlson, Director of Field Operations, noted a pre-construction meeting for the reconditioning of Tower #3, with the project expected to be completed by July. Mr. Carlson explained that the MDH Well Head Protection Plan is a two-to-three-year process, starting with a letter to City and County Staff. He reported that Well #23 start up is scheduled for March and that SPU staff finished up all the chlorine tube replacements at all the well sites.
7. Anchor Glass Emergency Water Service. Joseph Adams, Director of Planning and Engineering, provided some background on the verbal request he had received from the customer and the written request after the packet was distributed. He noted that staff is reviewing the written request and will bring the matter back to a future Commission meeting with further detail.
8. Water Tower #3 – Custom Design. Sharon Walsh, Director of Key Accounts/Marketing and Special Projects, discussed revisions to the design after initial comments from the Commission. She noted that the color gradation was significantly more expensive and that the design was modified to avoid this expense. Commissioners expressed positive views of the revisions.
9. Resolution #2025-07 Resolution of Appreciation to Lon Schemel. Mr. Drent noted that Lon Schemel retired as of February 28, 2025 and presented the resolution recognizing Mr. Schemel's service. Commissioners thanked Mr. Schemel for his years of service. Commissioner Mocol moved to approve Resolution #2025-07 Resolution of Appreciation to Lon Schemel. Commissioner DuLaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, and Mocol. Nays: None.
10. Electric Report. Mr. Carlson reported no outages since the last Commission meeting. He noted that tree trimming continues throughout SPU's system. He provided an update of AMI installation, reporting 760 meters left out of approximately 20,200 meters, with many commercial and industrial customers remaining. Mr. Carlson noted that the Pumphouse 23 electric install was completed.
11. Solar Grid Access Charge. Mr. Adams presented staff research of charges for other Minnesota utilities. He explained SPU staff's recommendations of retaining the current 5 kW exemption from the charge and considering a cap of 20 kW. The Commission discussed options, including providing a cap of 20 kW for existing customers, but not for new installations or the sale of existing properties, and retaining the 5 kW exemption, and directed staff to bring back a resolution for a future Commission meeting.

12. Marketing/Key Account Report. Ms. Walsh reported that homeowner associations form a significant part of the remaining AMI water meters. She is reaching out to property managers to arrange the changeout. Ms. Walsh noted that SPU will participate in the Shakopee Egg Hunt on April 12<sup>th</sup> and that SPU will feature the Armadillos for the Rhythm on the Rails event on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

13. General Manager Report. Mr. Drent noted on-going work by the informal working group in considering multiple potential water treatment plant sites. He reported that he attended the APPA legislative rally in Washington DC, highlighting issues important to municipal utilities, including tax-exempt bonds, direct pay tax credits, funding for lead service line replacement, and workforce continuity issues. Mr. Drent reported that the City Council reappointed Commissioner Mocol to the Commission. He noted that the MMPA electric vehicle chargers are no longer supported by a communications company that ceased doing business. SPU is considering options, including removal, noting that most customers prefer the level 3 chargers or charge at home.

14. Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Mocol, seconded by Vice President Letourneau, to adjourn. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, and Mocol. Nays: None.



Greg Drent, Commission Secretary