

MINUTES OF THE
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

April 7, 2025
Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order. President Krieg called the April 7, 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. Vice President Letourneau participated through interactive technology due to travel for work.
2. Election of Officers. Greg Drent, General Manager, opened the nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary, each for a one-year term. Commissioner Mocol nominated Commissioner Letourneau as President. No other nominations were presented. Ayes: Krieg, DuLaney, Fox, Mocol, and Letourneau. Nays: None. Commissioner Krieg nominated Commissioner Mocol as Vice President. No other nominations were presented. Ayes: Krieg, DuLaney, Fox, Mocol, and Letourneau. Commissioner Krieg nominated Greg Drent as Secretary. No other nominations were presented. Ayes: Krieg, DuLaney, Fox, Mocol, and Letourneau. Nays: None. Mr. Drent noted that the Governance Handbook provides for the General Manager to serve as the MMPA Representative and the President as the Alternate. President Letourneau nominated Commissioner Krieg to serve as the Alternate. No other nominations were presented. Ayes: Krieg, DuLaney, Fox, Mocol, and Letourneau. Nays: None.
3. Consent Agenda. Vice President Mocol moved to approve the consent agenda:
 - 3a. Approval of March 3, 2025 Minutes;
 - 3b. Approval of April 7, 2025 Agenda;
 - 3c. April 7, 2025 Warrant List;
 - 3d. Monthly Water Dashboard for February 2025;
 - 3e. Nitrate Report;
 - 3f. Res #2025-08 Resolution Setting the Amount of the Trunk Water Charges, Approving of its Collection and Authorizing Water Service to Certain Property Described as: Highview Park 4th Addition;
 - 3g. Res #2025-09 Resolution for Termination of Utility Easement and New Utility Easement with J&J Minneapolis, LLC;
 - 3h. Termination of Electric Utility Underground Easement Agreement.Commissioner DuLaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, Mocol, DuLaney, and Fox. Nays: None.
4. Public Comment Period. David Burger, 2680 Maple Trail, presented additional comments seeking to decrease the Solar Grid Access Charge.
5. Liaison Report. Commissioner DuLaney reported that at the last City Council meeting, a customer asked about the City Council's jurisdiction as to SPU's AMI Opt-Outside Policy.

6. Water Report. Brad Carlson, Director of Field Operations, reported on the reconditioning of Tower #3 and work on Pumphouse #23, and that AMI meter changeouts continue. He noted that Tank #8 will be taken out of service for warranty work expected to last one week. Mr. Carlson reported that on March 30th, after an equipment communication issue, wells 15, 16, and 17 continued to pump chlorine. In response, SPU staff quickly shut them off, tested, reported to the Minnesota Department of Health, and flushed from approximately 1:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. the following day. The isolated pockets of elevated chlorine levels did not enter the full system and were well below levels requiring customer notice.

7. Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Shakopee and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Tribal Utilities Commission. Ryan Halverson, Water Engineering Supervisor, provided background on the request by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Tribal Utilities Commission to provide water and sanitary sewer service to a new medical healing center near City and SPU facilities. Mr. Halverson described the proposed Joint Powers Agreement with the Tribal Utilities Commission, the City, and SPU in this regard. Commissioner DuLaney moved approval of the Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Fox, and Mocol. Nays: None.

8. Electric Report. Mr. Carlson reported that crews continue finalizing winter construction, including resetting transformers and streetlight poles. He provided an update on the 3-phase loop at Gateway townhomes, tree-trimming, and AMI business meter changeouts. Mr. Carlson reported four outages, which were not significant, since the last Commission meeting.

9. Reliability and Outage Report. Mr. Carlson reported that APPA again awarded SPU the Certificate of Excellence for reliability. He presented the indices and detailed information concerning SPU's reliability and outages in 2024.

10. Underground Electrical Distribution Charge Adjustments. Joseph Adams, Director of Planning and Engineering, discussed the costs for underground electric facilities and the disparity as to fees charged to developers for new residential developments. He presented staff recommendations to adjust these fees by \$162 (one-half of the increase) per lot for single-family home and twin home developments and \$131 (one-half of the increase) for condo/townhouse projects. These changes were included in Resolution 2025-10, which also addressed the solar grid access charge.

11. Solar Grid Access Charge (SGAC). Mr. Adams described the five staff recommendations contained in the proposed resolution 2025-10. After discussion, Commissioner DuLaney moved to adjust the staff recommendation to establish a cap of the charge at 15 kW for existing solar customers. Vice President Mocol seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, DuLaney, Fox and Mocol. Nay: Letourneau. The Commission discussed the intent to apply the cap for ten years.

12. Res #2025-10 Resolution Adjusting the Underground Electrical Distribution Charge for Development and Establishing Electric Rates, Fees and Charges for Customers Served by Shakopee Public Utilities for 2025. Mr. Adams presented the highlighted changes to the resolution previously approved in January of 2025, with the additional change of the cap of the

SGAC from 20 kW to 15 kW for the existing systems as of December 31, 2024. Vice President Mocol moved approval of Res #2025-10 Resolution Adjusting the Underground Electrical Distribution Charge for Development and Establishing Electric Rates, Fees and Charges for Customers Served by Shakopee Public Utilities for 2025 as so amended. Commissioner DuLaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, DuLaney, Mocol, and Fox. Nays: None.

13. Marketing/Key Account Report. Sharon Walsh, Director of Key Accounts/Marketing and Special Projects, reported that the final design for the water tower has been submitted for painting. She noted that SPU will participate in the Shakopee Egg Hunt and Candy Grab on Saturday. Ms. Walsh stated that she is working to publicize the APPA reliability award. Ms. Walsh provided an update on the AMI project, including inventory and firmware updates. She noted that SPU received its first conservation rebate request for electric yard tools. Ms. Walsh noted that water filter pitchers with SPU's logo will be provided to customers who have lead service lines. Commissioner DuLaney asked about the number of customers who requested AMI equipment installed outside under SPU's Opt-Outside policy. Ms. Walsh and Mr. Drent noted that a handful of customers have requested it placed outside, and SPU simply installed the equipment on the outside when some customers had wiring already on the outside.

14. Res #2025-11 Resolution Declaring Equipment or Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Same – MobileSub. Mr. Adams noted that because this MobileSub has been in storage and is no longer needed, staff recommends that the Commission declare it as surplus equipment and arrange a sale. Vice President Mocol moved approval, seconded by Commissioner DuLaney, of Res #2025-11 Resolution Declaring Equipment or Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Same – MobileSub. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, Mocol, DuLaney, and Fox. Nays: None.

15. General Manager Report. Mr. Drent provided an update, including the loop water line for Valley Fair, waiting for information from Anchor Glass, larger customers considering potential sites in Shakopee, and an upcoming meeting with MVEC.

16. NES WTP Site Search Update. Vice President Mocol moved, seconded by Commissioner Fox, to go into closed session under Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to review confidential or protected nonpublic appraisal data and to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase of property located at 1776 Mystic Lake Drive S., Shakopee. Ayes: Krieg, Letourneau, Mocol, DuLaney, and Fox. Nays: None. In open session, Commissioner Krieg noted that the informal working group provided an update.

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


Greg Drent, Commission Secretary