



Minutes of November 2, 2021

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on October 28, 2021.

Members Present: President Rosenberg, Commissioners Robinson, Herbst, Gehin, Force.
Others Present: Eric Lindman, Scott Boers, Valerie Swanborg, Dave Erickson, Ryan Dwelly, Tonia Westphal/Clark- Dietz, Lisa Zahrt/ Clark- Dietz, Chris Collins/ SunVest, Ryan Yentz/ Strand & Associates, Jake Collins/Strand & Associates, Via WebEx: Anne Jacobson

1) Approve Minutes of October 5th & 14th 2021 Meeting.

Gehin moved to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Herbst.

Robinson moved to bring back October 14th 2021 minutes with request to amend/ remove discussion prior to start of true meeting after technicality issue.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 5th and amend October 14th minutes and bring back to the next Commission Meeting scheduled for December 7th 2021 for approval.

Motion carried 5-0.

2) Director's Report on Utility Operations.

Lindman asked if there were any questions on the specific items.

Robinson questioned financial report that was in packet.

Swanborg responded that water had two rate increase July 2020 and January 2021, sewer had two rate increases October 2020 and recently July 2021.

Force questioned the Lead Service Line replacements.

Boers replied we are now over by \$40k. But we just received approval from DNR today and they would provide us the funding ahead of other municipalities ahead of the rating schedule for next year.

Lindman reiterates this just happened in the last week, we would be spending more than what DNR has provided us but on the next cycle they will give us a priority for the funds.

Director's Report placed on file.

3) Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Approval of the Sole Source Purchase of Clar-Ion 415 for year 2022.

Boers requested the following items be approved as they are needed for Water Plant Treatment Facility.

Robinson questioned why this was brought to the Commissioners as these are operational items.

Lindman stated these were procurement policy exclusions, so they need to go through sole

source purchasing. We need approval through Commission for sole source purchasing. We can put it in the procurement policy to maybe be included.

Force moved to approve sole source purchase of Clar-Ion 415. Seconded by Gehin, with a request to follow up with legal/finance as part of an exception.

Motion carried 5-0.

4) Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Approval of the Sole Source Purchase of Clar-Ion 700 for year 2022.

Force moved to approve sole source purchase of Clar-Ion 700. Seconded by Herbst.

Motion carried 5-0.

5) Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Approval of the Sole Source Purchase of Aqua Ammonia for year 2022.

Herbst moved to approve sole source purchase of Aqua Ammonia. Seconded by Gehin.

Motion carried 5-0.

6) Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Approval for a Purchasing Agreement Extension for Liquid Carbon Dioxide for 2022

Boers explained this was an extension of contract. There is a 3.7% increase for next year but this is 33% lower than the last bids received.

Gehin moved to approve the extension for Liquid Carbon Dioxide for 2022. Seconded by Herbst.

Motion carried 5-0.

7) Presentation on Solar Options for the DWTF.

Westphal and Zahrt from Clark Dietz and Collins from Sunvest presented on the options for the Solar Array for the new Drinking Water Treatment Facility on Bugbee Avenue. Presentation slides were attached in the packet.

Force questioned if there would be any noise associated with the Solar Array.

Collins replied the inverters would make the sound of a fan but it would be located 200 yards in field and the transformer would have a humming sound.

Lindman states this would be presented at the Public Information Meeting scheduled at NTC for Wednesday, November 17th, there might be a slight difference, but this would be the presentation to the public. We are missing RENEW's presentation, but we are hoping to get something from them to present as well. RENEW is a nonprofit organization that promotes renewable energy.

No action required.

8) Presentation on the Inflow/Infiltration Study Results.

Yentz & Collins from Strand and Associates presented on the findings of the I&I Study. Presentation slides were attached in the packet.

No action required.

9) Discussion and Possible Action on the Contract for Treatment of Raw Sewage with Schofield.

Erickson states this was a renewal of the 5 Year contract with the city of Schofield' sewage with no changes other than the dates.

Force moved to approve the renewal of the contract for treatment of raw sewage with Schofield. Seconded by Herbst.

Motion carried 5-0.

10) Discussion and Possible Action a Change Order for the Industrial Park Lift Station Construction and Force Main Cleaning Project.

Lindman presents that the delay of the project was due to securing of the railroad permits and access easements for the force main with proposed completion date set for ending of April 2022 and an 8% contract price increase.

Gehin moved to approve change order for the industrial park lift station construction.
Seconded by Robinson.

Motion carried 5-0.

11) Adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn by Herbst, seconded by Robinson.

Link to view meeting in its entirety: <https://tinyurl.com/wausaucitycouncil>

Gina Vang, Recording Secretary

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