

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2005

Chm. Dan Ziemer.....X
Robert Gay.....X
Peter Gretzinger.....X

Don Sawall.....X
Ella Lewis.....X

Also in attendance were John Boogren, Nancy Wieneke and Penny Kettenhoven.

Chairperson Ziemer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all members present.

Moved by Gretzinger, seconded by Sawall, to approve the regular minutes of June 28, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Gay, seconded by Gretzinger, to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$563,892.28. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens Forum- No citizens present.

Front Steps- The front step of the Utility Building, which is the main entrance for our customers and vendors, has a broken step. It needs to be repaired before someone gets hurt. Two quotes were received, one to repair just the step for \$900.00 (this price was only if he was in the area) The second quote was to fill in all cracks and fix all the steps. This will be done over several weekends and will not interfere with daily operations. Moved by Sawall, seconded by Lewis to approve the quote from Mitchell's Masonry in the amount of \$1700.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Rate Case- Discussion involving the three bids for doing our rate case. The price for the rate case varies so references will be needed to determine who will get the job. In the mean time our customers need to be informed that their rates will be going up. This will be done by stuffers and newspaper articles. A special meeting will be held August 9, 2005 at noon to select the firm for the rate case study.

Outages- On Saturday July 30, 2005 there were several customers out due to a planned outage, which was scheduled at 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The outage was necessary to update the wires in the area. August 1, 2005 the line crew had to fix a bad connector at Matthews. The outage that occurred on August 2, 2005 around 3:20 p.m. has many customers without electricity due to a tree that fell on the wires and caught on fire. More information will be available at next months meeting.

Water Breaks- On McKinley and Hwy 156 a water valve broke. The water department and Jerry Plumb from the Street department stayed and worked all night so the customers could have water that next morning. The mayor called and thanked the crews for their hard work and dedication.

Meetings attended and upcoming- Badger Power meetings have been mostly about the electric rates. The electric rate will be going up. Four utilities have signed an agreement to slowly blend rates over a period of years to get their rates to the same level. This could be positive for Badger Power.

Budget Meeting- There will be a special budget meeting that will set at our next month's regular meeting.

Finance & Collection- Financials for June 2005 were reviewed. The electric has a deficit of \$55,382.00 thru June and the water has a gain of \$16,469.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 12:00pm at city hall. Moved by Gay, seconded by Gretzinger to adjourn at 4:45pm Motion carried.

Recording Secretary
Penny Kettenhoven

