

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

## of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hibbing, MN 55746, held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Hibbing MN. Commission Vice Chair Sandstede called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Hart; Commissioner Stokes; Commissioner Sandstede; Commissioner Babich; Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; General Manager, Luke Peterson; Human Resources & Organizational Development Supervisor, Kendra Powers; Engineering Supervisor, Paul Skubinna; and Engagement Specialist Eliot Dixon. Also in attendance was Bolton & Menk rep. Andrew Brotzler; Merjent rep. Andrew Levi; and HPU Employee George Pogachnik. Attending virtually was Jeff Anderson of the Costin Group; Rocky Mountain Institute reps. Matthew Popkin & Tansy Massey-Green; and Eden Renewable Reps. Bob Long and Tom Cosby. Absent was Commission Chair Bayliss.

**Item 1.** Legislative Update – Jeff Anderson; Costin Group

Commission received Legislative Update and discussed HPU legislative priorities.

**Item 2.** Financial Updates

Commission received and discussed Financial Updates.

**Item 3.** Capital Budget Update

**Item 3.A.** St. Louis County Landfill Solar

**Item 3.B.** Professional Services Selection Process

Commission received and discussed Capital Budget Updates.

**Item 4.** 2026 Projects Updates

**Item 4.A.** AMI Project & Policy Update

**Item 4.B.** Potholing Project Update – Vactruck

Commission received and discussed 2026 Project Updates.

### Closed Session

**Item 1.** Potential Land Acquisition

Pursuant to MN ST Ann 13D.05 subd. 3c, the Hibbing Public Utilities Commission is allowed to enter closed session to discuss strategy for the negotiation and acquisition of real property.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, Supported by Commissioner Babich, to enter Closed Session to discuss the acquisition of parcel: 141-004-00060.

Motion Carried unanimously.

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## Adjournment

Motion by Chair Bayliss, supported by Commissioner Sandstede, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Attest:

  
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Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary

  
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James Bayliss, Chair

Meeting materials are available at  
The next meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
at 5:00 p.m. at the Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Hibbing MN 55746.

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