

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6th Ave., Hibbing, MN 55746, held on September 8, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN. Commissioner Chair Bayliss called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Bayliss, Commissioner Sandstede, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Babich, Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, Kendra Powers; Power Plant Manager, Dan Edwards; Customer Service Supervisor, Jill Hietala, Electrical Manager, Samantha Adams, Executive Assistant, Magan Schoeben; Accounting Coordinator, Oren Kero, and Grant Writer & Engagement Specialist, Eliot Dixon. Also in attendance were , community member, Mark Reger, and General Manager Candidate, Larry Folstad. Absent was Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna.

ADDS/DELETES

Commissioner Bayliss deleted the Closed Session due to Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna's absence and added Action Item 5.A, Minnesota Electric Vehicle (EV) Program Resolution no. 26-14.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 1. Approval of Coal Transportation Cost

Motion by Commissioner Sandsted, supported by Commissioner Babich to approve coal transportation costs not to exceed 50,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 2. Vehicle Rental & Leases

The Commission discussed wanting to look deeper into this action item and discuss further.

No action taken.

Action Item 3. Request Approval to Hire Mr. Swart in Financial Controller Position

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Babich to hire Mr. Bruce Swart in the Financial Controller Position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 4. Request for 4M Account Transfer

Motion by Commissioner Bayliss, supported by commissioner Babich to transfer 1,741,547.18 within the 4M Investment Account from the LTD Investment pool to the 4M Investment pool to be used to pay invoices greater than thirty days.

Motion carried 4-1.

"Opposed" – Commissioner Stokes

The Commission discussed the remaining items with invoices not past thirty days within the Action Item 4. attachment will be looked at in further detail and discussed further before the remaining funds from the 1,741,547.18 can be utilized.

Action Item 5. Approval of Resolution No. 26-14 MN EV Infrastructure Community Program

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, seconded by Commissioner Babich to approve Resolution No. 26-14 to authorize the General Manager as official signatory for grand funding agreement with the greater MN EV Infrastructure Community Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Southview Transformer Replacement
2. Mahoning Manor Transformer + Inventory Replacement
3. Beltline Substation Change Orders
4. Iron Range Engineering & Consulting Service Q4 Construction Phase Service for Beltline Sub. Reconstruction Project
5. In-Kind Utility Connection Fee Waiver Policy
6. Meter Reader Transition
7. General Service Work Bids
8. Dashboard Presentation & Discussion
9. Vac Truck Discussion
10. General Manager Discussion

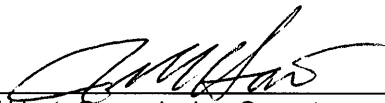
Discussion items were reviewed and discussed as listed; no action was taken on these items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary



James Bayliss, Chair

Meeting materials are available at www.hpuc.com.
The next meeting is an action session scheduled for 9/22/2026
at 5:00 p.m. at Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21st St., Hibbing MN 55746.

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