

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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

Minutes of the special meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1902 E. 6th Ave, Hibbing, MN 55746, held on August 10, 2026. Meeting held at Hibbing Public Utilities Admin Building, 1902 6th Ave E., Hibbing, MN 55746. Commissioner Chair Bayliss called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Bayliss, Commissioner Sandstede, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Baibich, Legal Counsel, Andy Borland; Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, Kendra Powers; Engineering Manager, Paul Skubinna, and Executive Assistant, Magan Schoeben, and Eliot Dixon, Grant Writer and Engagement Specialist. Also in attendance virtually were, Jennifer King, and Gokulram Paranjothi with National Laboratory of the Rockies, and Lisa Crum of Crum Energy.

ADDS/DELETES

Commissioner Sandstede requested to move discussion item one from the agenda to discussion item two and cover item two first.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Item 1. Federal Program

Representatives with National Labor of the Rockies (NLR) attended virtually via Teams to discuss their services and engaged in discussion with the Commission regarding available programs through National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR).

Discussion Item 2. Project Management Tool

No action was taken. Commission previewed a prototype demonstrated by Commissioner Sandstede regarding a database to house information related to the information and status of Capital Projects. The Commission engaged in discussion and provided input.

CLOSED SESSION Pursuant to MN ST ANN 13D.05subd3(b) potential litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Sandstede, to enter closed session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Babich left the meeting at 5:55pm.

The Commission engaged in closed session from 5:28pm until 7:48pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 1. Federal Program

Motion by Commissioner Sandstede, supported by Commissioner Stokes to authorize the application for Expert Match with National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR).

Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 2. Hydrant Projects

Discussion took place regarding the status of the completed hydrants thus far.

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Hart to authorize Change Order Three, to eliminate the remaining scope of the Hydrant Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

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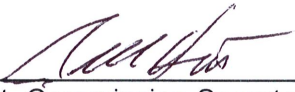
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Stokes, supported by Commissioner Sandstede to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Jeff Hart, Commission Secretary



James Bayliss, Chair

Meeting materials are available at
The next meeting is a special session scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2026
at 4:00 p.m. at the Hibbing Public Utilities, 1902 6th Ave E., Hibbing MN 55746.

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