

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
APRIL 11, 2019
7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair Ted Olson, Dale Nicholls, Don Thompson, Council Liaison Richard Wheeler

Board Members Excused: Leonard McCosh, Public Works Director Chad Parry

Staff Present: Power Superintendent Cory Daniels, Secretary Candice Maudsley

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utilities Board convened on Thursday, April 11, 2019, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Utilities Board Chair Ted Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member Dale Nicholls moved to approve the March 14, 2019 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Thompson. The motion carried.

B. UAMPS SMALL CELL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN STANDARDS DISCUSSION

This project consists of installing 5G technology on the power poles for cellular communications. Any requested modifications to the infrastructure design standards are due by April 15th. A modification is requested by Cory Daniels to not have the lines flush with the pole rather to be extended eight inches. This change will allow the power department to climb the poles with their hooks without problems. The charge for installation is yet to be determined.

Board Member Dale Nicholls moved to approve Small Cell Infrastructure Design Standard. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Thompson. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Colorado River Storage Project – Contracts are being renegotiated for this project. Some of the contracts may be put on hold.

UAMPS Donation– UAMPS will be donating \$500 to the Scandinavian Festival. The only requirement will be the displaying of the UAMPS banner.

Horse Butte Wind Project – Over the past few years a couple eagles have died in the windmills. A mitigation payment was requested from the project participants. UAMPS negotiated and had the penalty deferred. As a result, project participants are requested to retrofit power poles with structures for the eagles to land and build nests safely. Ephraim has been designated to retrofit five poles with a type of basket for the eagles to land on. Sanpete County was determined to have a high number of eagles. UAMPS will reimburse Ephraim City for the cost to retrofit the poles. This will need to appear on the agenda for the May Utilities Board meeting.

Pleasant Valley Wind- This wind project in Evanston Wyoming has been more productive than usual.

IPA- None of the gas plants will be refurbished in the Southern California basin. There will be discussion with the IPA Board concerning this. Anaheim, Riverside, and Pasadena California will most likely be exiting.

Property Tax Assessment Dispute- There are mediation discussions currently going on.

Richard Wheeler

Well – The bid for the well came in below the anticipated amount.

New City Manager – Shaun Kjar was selected to be the new City Manager.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

HYDRO – The large Hydro is having maintenance done in preparation for spring runoff.

New Powerhouse Substation – The substation took a little over a year to complete. It is now energized. It is anticipated that the work put in by the Power Department has saved a significant amount of money.

Power Outage – A high voltage cable was lost about 1:30 am. The SCATA system and metering software was able to show where the outage was. It was an underground high voltage line installed in 1978. Four homes were affected by the outage.

Subdivisions- Possible new subdivisions were discussed as well as the roads that would be required.

Candice Maudsley, Utilities Board Secretary

Ramos Donation – The Ramos family donated two tables to the City as office furniture. They are high quality pieces made for the temples.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member Dale Nicholls moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 8:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Thompson. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on May 9, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date