

# REGULAR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SESSION

MALDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.  
BPW-111 E. LACLEDE

Board President Clark Duckett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Board President Duckett	X	_____
Board Member Loughary	X	_____
Board Member Stone (via Facetime)	X	_____
Board Member	_____	_____
Members Present		<u>3</u>

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Mayor Denton Kooyman, City Administrator/Utility Director Ivone Smith, City Council Liaison Casen Coleman, Electric Distribution Coordinator Todd Jenkins, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Krepps, Electric Production Superintendent Wayne Shelton, Finance Officer Angela Earnheart, City Attorney Jonce Chidister, Board Secretary Cathy Merritt

**GUEST:** Buck Provance-BPS Telephone Company

Mr. Provance informed the Board he's aware the City has a fiber presence and may need some assistance with working on the fiber. Mr. Provance informed the Board he has people available and is happy to offer the City assistance in getting the fiber issues taken care of.

Mr. Provance informed the Board he feels once the City's fiber issues have been taken care of there would be those who would pursue the possibility of using the City's fiber in providing certain services to the community. Mr. Provance informed the Board BPS is transitioning to new owners but will still be available if any assistance is needed.

Mr. Provance thanked the Board for their time and assured everyone of his willingness to assist with the fiber issues.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Loughary to Approve Regular Session Minutes of March 1 , 2023.

**SECOND:** By Mrs. Stone.

**MOTION PASSED**

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

There were no questions for the Financial Officer.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Electric Department**

Mr. Jenkins informed the Board everything has been going good, no power outages or power issues.

Power Plant

Mr. Shelton informed the Board he has been handling annual governmental reports. Mr. Shelton informed the Board Plum Point has scheduled a spring outage starting on April 1, 2023 and is scheduled for be down for 21 days.

Water/Wastewater Department

Mr. Krepps informed the Board the water project has moved to the airbase. Mr. Krepps informed the Board the line behind Stokelan in the alley is in bad shape possibly collapsing and taking in a lot of sand.

Mr. Krepps informed the Board the construction crew has started laying line in at Cadet St and will be making their way North.

Office Reports:

Mrs. Merritt informed the Board 34 meters were pulled today for nonpayment.

Board Member Loughary inquired about garnishing wages on the bad debt write off. City Attorney Chidister informed the Board filing suit could be done in small claims court but knowing where they work is hard to track down due to no data base. City Attorney Chidister informed the Board the easy part is getting the judgement but the hard part is collecting.

**Director's Report:**

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the community center project is getting closer, by the end of April there should be a notice to use funds. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the architecture is ready to bid out project as soon as notice to use funds is received.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the splash pad project is moving forward with the blessing of the council and the splash pad is part of the City's in-kind labor utilizing BPW employees as well as street dept employees.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board utility rates will be adjusted next month just awaiting audit results and once City Council approves audit the rates will be adjusted.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board she had asked for an update on the Dunklin County Sewer District's audit and was told June at the latest. Utility Director Smith informed the Board USDA has been working with their attorneys to get a Board formed.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board Wade King has been hired starting April 3 as apprentice lineman and has completed his third year with MPUA. Utility Director Smith informed the Board Mr. King has worked a 5-year contract under contractors with no municipality experience but he will work as a 3-year apprentice for the remainder of the year to get that experience. Utility Director Smith informed the Board January 2024 Mr. King will start his 4<sup>th</sup> year apprenticeship and BPW will go ahead and pay him for that program. Utility Director Smith informed the Board Mr. King has agreed to and has signed off on the agreement.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of March 28, 2023 was entertained.

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Loughary to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of March 28, 2023 @ 5:29P.M.

**SECOND:** By Mrs. Stone.

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned Regular Session at 5:29 P.M. on March 28, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
BOARD SECRETARY

  
BOARD PRESIDENT

