

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the CITY OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS was held Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., in the Executive Conference Room, City Hall, 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington, New Mexico in full conformity with the laws and ordinances of the Municipality.

Upon roll call, the following were found to be present, constituting a quorum:

Commission members present:	Connie Dinning Tory N. Larsen Alex Uhl Joanne Duckwitz Linda Corwin Patricio Sanchez Hart Pierce Nathan Thompson Richard Dembowski
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Commission members absent:	Jeff Parkes Gordon Glass Drew Degner Kyle Stowell
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constituting all members of said Advisory Commission.

Also present were:	
Electric Administration	Hank Adair
Electric Generation	Britt Chesnut
Electric Field Operations	Luke Lugenbeel
Electric Engineering	John Armenta
Electric Utility Financial Analyst	Olena Erickson
City Attorney	Jennifer Breakell
COF Administrative Services	Teresa Emrich
Community Works	Jeff Smaka
Jacobs	Ron Rosen
Jacobs	Jacob Smith
PUC Secretary	Amy McKinley

The meeting was convened by the Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Dinning requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Regular meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Uhl and seconded by Commissioner Duckwitz. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Water/Wastewater Report

Mr. Jeff Smaka offered a report of the water and wastewater activities for June 2021. Regarding the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project, the 60% design drawings should be complete by Labor Day, 2021. The Raw Waterline Rehab project is underway and Scott Avenue is closed between Broadway to Main Street as a result. Mr. Smaka's report highlighted the status of various Renewal and Replacement projects.

Water/Wastewater Operations Report

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Ron Rosen of Jacobs, provided information regarding water/wastewater operations activities for June 2021. Mr. Rosen’s report noted that Animas River flows declined consistently through the month. He noted all pumps to Farmington Lake have been shut off to avoid pulling in sediment due to the recent rains. Six new residential meters were installed in June which is down from last month but an increase compared to last year. No commercial meters were installed. There were 13 water line breaks in June and all of these breaks involved service lines, 12 black poly lines and 1 pvc line.

Duties and Power of Public Utility Commission

City Attorney, Jennifer Breakell, provided a presentation highlighting the duties and powers of the Public Utility Commission.

Electric Utility Report

Ms. Olena Erickson provided a PowerPoint presentation to detail FEUS financial information for June 2021. Consumption in MWH increased slightly from May. Year to date, MWH consumption is 7% below budget. The PCA remains at \$0.01 per kwh. Ms. Erickson provided an update on the Cost of Service study. Commissioner Pierce noted he would like the Commission to be kept abreast of the progress of the Cost of Service study so as to be well informed before voting on proposed rate changes.

Director’s Report

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Adair provided details of the activities of the utility for June, 2021. Regarding Substations, testing and maintenance is complete at the Lee Acres Substation and a broken ground grid was repaired at the Bluffview Substation. Distribution/Transmission work involved Feeder 4503 Re-conductor work to serve as a backup tie during Animas Construction. Underground work is complete for the installation of the EV charging station located at the Animas Valley Mall. The Navajo Hydro plant presently has both units in operation as flows have increased to 700 cfs. The San Juan Generating Station Unit 4 experienced challenged performance for the month of June. The utility experienced nine circuit outages in June, the majority of which were nature related (wind, lightning, bird, vegetation). The Cottonwood Substation experienced outages due to some settings adjustments. Regarding the reinstatement of utility disconnections, customers have been notified in a variety of ways that disconnections due to non-payment will begin on Friday, July 16, 2021.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No business from the floor.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Uhl to receive advice from the City’s legal counsel regarding matters of pending litigation (City of Bloomfield v. City of Farmington) pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(7) NMSA 1978 and to discuss the disposition of real property (San Juan Generating Station), pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(8) NMSA 1978.

Upon a roll call vote:

- Those voting aye: Connie Dinning
- Tory N. Larsen
- Alex Uhl
- Joanne Duckwitz
- Linda Corwin
- Patricio Sanchez
- Hart Pierce
- Nathan Thompson
- Richard Dembowski

Those voting nay: none

The Chairperson convened the closed meeting at 4:24 p.m. with commission members in attendance being present.

Following the closed meeting, during which meeting the matters discussed were limited only to that specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made and seconded to open the meeting, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2021.



Jeff Parkes, Chair