

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the CITY OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS was held Wednesday, July 13, 2022 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:	Jeff Parkes Connie Dinning Linda Corwin ✓ Nathan Thompson John Buffington ✗ Hart Pierce
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Absent:	Patricio Sanchez Tory N. Larsen Alex Uhl Drew Degner Kyle Stowell
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constituting all members of said Advisory Commission.

Also present were:

Electric Utility Director	Hank Adair
Electric Engineering	Shawn Weiss
Business Operations	Sheree Wilson
Community Works	Andrew Sova
Jacobs	Jacob Smith
Administrative Services	Nalinee Jose
City Attorney	Jennifer Breakell
PUC Secretary	Amy McKinley

Guest: David Fosdeck ✓

The meeting was convened by the Chair.

Chair Parkes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2022 Regular meeting. Commissioner Corwin offered such a motion and Commissioner Buffington provided a second. The motioned passed with Commissioner Buffington, Commissioner Corwin, Chair Parkes and Commissioner Hart voting in favor, Commissioner Dinning abstained.

*Commissioner Thompson arrived at approximately 3:04 pm.*

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Water/Wastewater Report**

Mr. Andrew Sova, Water/Wastewater Administrator provided information regarding water and wastewater activities for June, 2022.

The Raw Waterline Rehabilitation project which involves the relocation of the raw water line from the San Juan River to Willet Ditch from under the Animas Power Plant to Hydro Plant Road is underway and should be completed in the next few months.

Regarding Renewal and Replacement projects, the College Boulevard waterline replacement project is wrapping up however residents will continue to encounter construction along College Boulevard over the next few years due to work taking place with the construction of the temple.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Street from Kiwanis Park to Hutton Avenue Water Line Replacement project is set to begin this week.

#### **Water/Wastewater Operations Report**

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Jacob Smith provided information regarding water/wastewater operations activities for June 2022. He noted the Animas River flow decreased overall with a couple of spikes towards the end of June due to rain events. Farmington Lake level is at 100% capacity. Water production in June increased from last month but is overall lower than previous years. Twelve new Residential meters were installed in June. There were four mainline water line breaks and seven service line water line breaks in June.

Regarding Wastewater treatment, effluent flows were near average for this time of year.

#### **Electric Utility Report**

Ms. Sheree Wilson provided a PowerPoint presentation to detail FEUS financial information for June 2022.

Ms. Wilson noted Customer Consumption for June was slightly below budget by 2%. The Year To Date 5 Year Trend for Customer Consumption for June was slightly higher than the same time last year. There is very little change in consumption for the Commercial and Residential classes and a slight increase in the Industrial class. A review of the Cash Balance slide shows the Unrestricted Cash Balance has seen a drop partially due to capital expenses and purchase power costs associated with the Bluffview outage. Year to Date Revenue for June is \$98 million, 4% under budget. Year to Date CIP Expenses is \$29 million, \$4 million over budget.

Commissioner Buffington noted that the increased capital spending was reported last month and he asked for more detail about these expenses. Ms. Wilson commented the majority of this increased capital expense was related to the Bluffview outage. In May, approximately \$8 million was moved from Operating to Capital due to issues surrounding repairing the turbine versus purchasing a new one. Commissioner Buffington expressed concern about the budgeted and actual numbers.

Effective July 1, 2022, the PCA will be reduced to \$0.00 per kWh per the recently passed Cost of Service Study and Rate Design.

#### **Director's Report**

Regarding Substation/Distribution/Transmission projects, the Lakeview to Vista Line Differential Relay protection project is complete; the Animas Substation Refurbishment project contract was awarded to Power Co.; the Animas station has now been bypassed with significant changes made across the system related to relay protection.

Regarding Generation, at the Navajo Hydro Plant, the Bureau of Reclamation increased Animas flows to 500 cfs. The San Juan Generating Station saw better performance in June.

FEUS experienced three outages in June; two outages were weather related and one circuit outage was related to maintenance activities while testing batteries.

Other activities taking place include the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) audit which is presently underway and will go through July 22.

The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is nearing completion. To provide more details to the Commission, FEUS staff will be organizing small group information only meetings. A presentation for the public will be offered at the August PUC meeting. At the September meeting, staff anticipates asking PUC to consider a recommendation to City Council regarding the IRP.

The recently approved utility rates went into effect on July 1, 2022.

A team from the FEUS Field Operations division provided ArcFlash training to approximately 100 area school bus drivers.

Commissioner Corwin asked for more frequent reporting of the number of residents who are participating in, or considering participation in, rooftop solar.

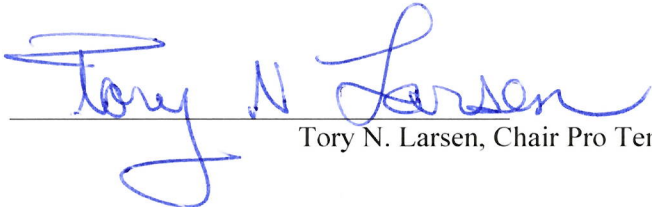
**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dinning and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of August, 2022.

  
Tory N. Larsen, Chair Pro Tem