

CITY OF COON RAPIDS, IOWA
MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 22, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities met at 7:00 A.M., October 22, 2020 as per posted notice and rules of the Board at the Conference Room – “NOC” Network Operations Center, Coon Rapids, Iowa. The Board determined that it is impossible and impractical for all members of the Board, other Board personnel, and members of the public to be physically present at this meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that it is necessary to conduct the meeting by electronic means. The Board has provided public access to the electronic meeting. Trustees present were Alan Andersen, Terry Garnes, Doris Bass, Lee Boeke and Mary Schwaller.

Motion by Andersen, Second by Bass with all voting “Aye” to approve the agenda.

Motion by Garnes, Second by Schwaller with all voting “Aye” to approve the consent items: 9/24/20 Board Minutes, Abstract of Claims #2020-10 in the amount of \$377,223.³⁴, Financials.

The Board entertained oral requests and communications from the audience.

General Manager’s Report: NIMECA Update, SPP, Basin, Etc. - Renewable Energy Project - Sale of Neal 4 / N3 Transmission Lease / Lehigh-Webster Facilities - California Governor Executive Order - MEC Looks to Expand EV Charging Network - GM Factory ZERO - Geese Deterrent at Lagoons - FY2020 Audit - Non-Pay Notices/Statistics.

Motion by Garnes, Second by Andersen with all voting “Aye” approving the Wellmark Blue PPO Alliance Select insurance coverage, no change in HRA option, with the premium increase to be split 50/50 between CRMU and the employees.

The General Manager reviewed the EMC Claim/Loss information regarding CRMU property damaged from the August 6th hail storm. The General Manager proposed replacement recommendations after staff had closely examined the property damage to the buildings. The General Manager reported that contractors were being contacted to get quotes for repairs for the Board’s evaluation.

The General Manager updated the Board on the progress/schedule of the 2021 Substation Project – specifically the next phase which is the construction work necessary to remove the old transformer, installation of the new transformer and connections to the switchgear, and installation of new air break switches and high side fusing at both the Main and Iron Hills Substations. The General Manager reported that the plans and specifications should be sent to the plan rooms/contractors in mid-November with a bid opening date set for December 11 and bid award date set for CRMU’s December Board Meeting on December 17th, 2020.

The General Manager updated the Board on mitigation efforts of alternating current and lightning effects on CRMU’s natural gas system. The General Manager reported that a Dairyland Solid-State Decoupler (SSD) will be installed near CRMU’s main substation to combat any AC fault current and lightning while also providing protection from AC corrosion on CRMU’s natural gas distribution system.

The Board reviewed upcoming retransmission consent agreements and proposed rate increases from Nexstar (NBC) and Hearst (CBS), as well as Scripps Network programming renewal agreements.

The General Manager gave a sanitary sewer update to the Board discussing progress on the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project including the IDNR approved Facility Plan, Intended Use Plan application to SRF, \$500,000 CDBG grant application and 2020 Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance (WTFAP) grant application. The General Manager reported that V&K Engineering should have the plans and specifications completed to submit to the IDNR for CRMU’s construction permit in December. Bidding for the project is scheduled for January 2021 with construction to begin in March of 2021. The General Manager reported that all cost information will be summarized after the bid award, including any grant awards so that the Board can determine the additional revenue requirement and rate increase needed to service the debt.

This notice is given at the direction of the Chairman pursuant to Chapter 28A, Code of Iowa and local rules of said governmental body.

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