

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the CITY OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS was held Wednesday, June 9, 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:	Jeff Parkes Connie Dinning Tory N. Larsen Gordon Glass Alex Uhl Joanne Duckwitz Linda Corwin Kyle Stowell Patricio Sanchez Hart Pierce Nathan Thompson
-----------------------------	--

Commission members absent:	Drew Degner Richard Dembowski
----------------------------	----------------------------------

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
Customer Service	Nicki Parks
COF Administrative Services	Teresa Emrich
Community Works	Jeff Smaka
Community Works	David sypher
Jacobs	Jacob Smith
PUC Secretary	Amy McKinley

The meeting was convened by the Chair.

Chair Parkes requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Regular meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chair Dinning and seconded by Commissioner Corwin. 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 May 2021. He noted NewGen Strategies is working on updates to the Cost of Service for Water and Wastewater. Regarding the LaPlata Highway Phase I project, the waterline design is 60% complete. Contractor CWE continues to work with NMDOT on permitting requirements dealing with the archeology along the proposed route. Permits submitted to BLM are awaiting review and comments. The improvements to Water Treatment Plant #1 are in the design phase and a 30% plan review meeting was held on May 20. Jacobs Engineering is reviewing comments and is proceeding with 60% design. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14. The Raw Waterline Rehab project continues. The contractor completed the Animas River crossing section and is working to install the next section along Wagner Street and Scott Avenue between Broadway to

San Juan Blvd.

Mr. Smaka provided highlights of various renewal and replacement projects taking place throughout the city.

Commissioner Corwin asked if tours of the water/wastewater facilities could take place since COVID regulations have been relaxed. Other commissioners expressed interest in participating in tours and such tours will be organized in the near future.

Water/Wastewater Operations Report

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Ron Rosen of Jacobs, provided information regarding water/wastewater operations activities for May 2021. Animas River flows picked up in May as temperatures increased at the end of the month. To keep Farmington Lake full, pumping continues from the Animas Pump Station 2 and Farmers Ditch. Eight residential meters were installed in May; this is up from the same time last year. There were nine water line breaks in May; one main line and eight service lines. Six of the eight service line breaks were of the black poly variety.

Mr. Ron Rosen introduced Jacob Smith, Operations Supervisor for the Farmington Wastewater Treatment Plant and noted Mr. Smith will from time to time be presenting the monthly water/wastewater operations report.

Electric Utility Report

Ms. Olena Erickson provided a PowerPoint presentation to detail FEUS financial information for May 2021. Consumption in MWH is 3% lower than budgeted for May; Year to date, MWH consumption is 8% below budget. The 4 Year Trend in MWH continues to demonstrate a reduction in consumption from Industrial and Commercial customers. The PCA remains at \$0.01 per kwh.

Director's Report

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Adair provided details of the activities of the utility for May, 2021.

Regarding Substation activities the LaPlata and Bergin Substation engineering drawings have been received at 90% design level. Distribution/Transmission activities include the installation of new switchgear for the San Juan College, nine transformers were upgraded across the system, and transmission maintenance work was completed on the Hare to Transwestern line.

Regarding Generation, flows dropped to 300 cfs during Animas River Runoff and one hydro unit is in operation at the Navajo Plant. Staff is holding weekly Outage Coordination meetings in preparation of the upcoming Bluffview fall outage. The San Juan Generating Station continues to see lower performance out of San Juan Unit 4, although it is slightly better than previous months.

Mr. Adair's report offered details about the recent uptick in interest in the installation of residential solar. He noted that as a whole, solar customer consumption exceeded production.

Mr. Adair noted the IRP is progressing and will move to bi-weekly meetings soon. The Cost of Service study is progressing. Next steps are to define the cost recovery by customer classes. He stated the participation by commissioners on these committees is much appreciated.

At the May 25 City Council meeting, Mr. Adair and Mayor Duckett recognized the Dress the Leaf award winner, Ms. Mya Hawbecker, and presented her with a \$100 gift card. Ms. Hawbecker's design will be incorporated into the overall design of the cover for the Nissan LEAF.

FEUS routinely assists many local schools with events such as the Egg Drop experiments and Mr. Adair provided a small video of the Sacred Heart Egg Drop experiments from earlier in the spring. Results of the experiments are unknown.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No business from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Approved this 14th day of July, 2021.



Connie Dinning, Vice-Chair