



**CITY OF RIVER FALLS WISCONSIN  
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Utility Advisory Board Chair Kellen Wells-Mangold at 6:30 p.m.

**Utility Advisory Board Present:** Adam Gierl, Mark Spafford, Tim Thum, Kellen Wells-Mangold and Mark Wespetal

**Utility Advisory Board Absent:** Scott Morrissette

**Staff Present:**

Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Finance Director Josh Solinger; City Engineer Todd Nickleski; Wastewater/Water Superintendent Dean Seemuth; Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson and IT Specialist Sterling Hackney

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes: 02-21-2022

**MSC Wespetal/Thum approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Acknowledgment of the following minutes:

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility Commission: 02-17-2022 and 03-24-2022

**MSC Spafford/Wespetal approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2022-02 – Recommending Awarding Bid for North Water Tower Construction**

Westhuis and Chair Wells-Mangold introduced and City Engineer Todd Nickleski who presented on the North Water Tower Construction. Nickleski reviewed the background and needs of the project. The need is to build a new water tower will provide additional fire flow protection for residential and commercial businesses to expand. This will be filled by the North Zone Booster Station.

Nickleski spoke on the bidding process. SEH Inc. prepared the final design and contract bidding process. Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, LLC bid was the lowest bid at \$3,434,385.00. The low bid is a significant increase in cost than SEH Inc. had estimated, and the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan projected (CIP). The pricing increase is due to the steel pricing that what was originally planned in the CIP.

The board, Nickleski, Finance Director Solinger and Westhuis discussed the project details, inflation, financials, and location.

**MSC Thum/Spafford moved to approve the resolution. As there was no further discussion, Wells-Mangold asked for a vote. The resolution passed unanimously.**

## **REPORTS:**

### Upcoming Projects Report

Westhuis presented a report on the City's projects. He reviewed the following projects: the Mann Valley Corporate Park / Radio Road water, the North Water Tower, Mann Valley Lift Station – Relocation, North Extension Looping Project water and Sewer, North Interceptor, Cemetery Road Reconstruction, Powell Avenue Bridge, Wasson Lane Project – Round-a-bout and the IFC – Troy St Expansion Water / Sewer / Electric.

### Finance Report

Solinger gave a brief overview of the finance report, which was included in the packet.

### Utility Dashboards

The 2022 March utility dashboards were included in the packet. Westhuis reviewed the 2021 WPPI Energy Electric Rate Comparison from other Wisconsin Energy utilities.

### Monthly Report

The 2022 March monthly utility reports were in the UAB packet for review.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

National Linemen Appreciation Day is April 18.

American Public Power Association (APPA) recognized RFMU Electric with a 2021 Certificate of Excellence in Reliability. RFMU customers experienced an average outage time of 14.47 minutes while all U.S. electric utilities averaged an outage time of 136 minutes.

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids will be having a project updated community meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dean Seemuth has been promoted to fulltime Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

Staff, Council and UAB were invited to take a tour of the Wisconsin Dells-Lake Delton Biosolids Dryer - Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Gierl and Thum attended and spoke about the facility and operation.

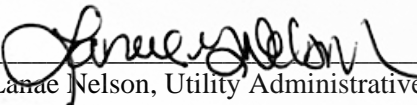
RFMU's Annual Electronics Recycling Event is April 23.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MSC Wespel/Gierl to adjourn. Unanimous.**

**UAB Chair Wells-Mangold announced meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.**

Reported by: Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson

  
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