



**CITY OF RIVER FALLS WISCONSIN  
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Utility Advisory Board Chair Patrick Richter at 6:30 p.m.

**Utility Advisory Board Present:** Scott Morrisette, Patrick Richter, Mark Spafford, Tim Thum, Kellen Wells-Mangold and Mark Wespetal

**Utility Advisory Board Absent:**  
Matt Berning

**Staff Present:**  
Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Electric Superintendent Wayne Siverling; WPPI Energy Service Representative Mike Hodges; Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson and IT Tech Assistant Jaden Barnes

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Meeting Minutes: 07-19-2021  
**MSC Thum/Wells-Mangold approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
Acknowledgment of the following minutes:  
West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility Commission: 06-24-2021  
**MSC Morrisette/Thum approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Resolution 2021-07 - Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Equipment for the Governor for the Hydroelectric Generator at Junction Falls with American Governor, an Emerson Company for Junction Falls  
Utility Director Kevin Westhuis and Electric Superintendent Wayne Siverling gave an overview on authorizing the purchase and installation of equipment for the Governor for the Hydroelectric generator at Junction Falls. American Governor, an Emerson company made a proposal to rebuild the Woodward gateshaft governor at the Junction Falls Hydroelectric Dam.

There was some discussion from Westhuis, Siverling and the board. They reviewed the relationship history of the company with RFMU, bids, repair needs, cost, and scheduled timeline of the potential project. Siverling explained the process and the equipment's operation and mechanics.

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

Resolution 2021-08 – Authorizing Release of Utility Easements at Block 2, and Block 3, of the A.F. Harts Addition, aka, 600 and 700 block of S. Main Street, River Falls  
Westhuis gave an overview on the release of two 16.5-foot-wide utility easements located in Block 2 and Block of 3 of the A.F. Harts additions, Aka, 600 and 700 block of S. Main Street. He reviewed the history of the easements, and indicated that they were once dedicated alley R.O.W. which included utility easements.

There was some discussion from Westhuis and the board. Morrisette spoke on the location and developments coming.

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

**REPORTS:**

Utility Dashboards

The 2021 July utility dashboards were included in the packet. Westhuis spoke on the wholesale utility bill from WPPI. The board and Westhuis discussed the weather postponed DNR required hydrant flushing and RFMU is looking at rescheduling this at the end of August into September.

Monthly Report

The 2021 July monthly utility reports were in the UAB packet for review. Westhuis mentioned the Hydroelectric Relicensing Expenditures and Stakeholder Contributions are in the packet, the drone footage over the river and the FERC submittal of the final draft license application of Junction Falls.

Westhuis and the board spoke on the City's garbage concerns and process. The City continues to push Advanced Disposal on "service" and "responsiveness".

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

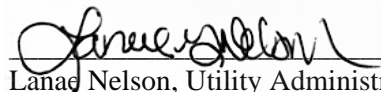
Morrissette spoke on the upcoming Mayor Toland's Cookout Conversations. The second cookout event is August 19, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Wells Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MSC Morrissette/Thum to adjourn. Unanimous.**

**UAB Chair Richter announced meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

Reported by: Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson



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Lanae Nelson, Utility Administrative Assistant