



**CITY OF RIVER FALLS WISCONSIN  
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

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

**Utility Advisory Board Present:** Nick Carow, Adam Gierl, Chris Lick, Mark Spafford, Tim Thum and Kellen Wells-Mangold

**Staff Present:**

Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Wastewater/Water Superintendent Dean Seemuth; Community Development Director Amy Peterson; City Engineer Todd Nickleski; Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson and IT Specialist Jon Smits

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes: 08-15-2022

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patricia LaRue, 489 Marcella Court spoke on the hydroelectric dam project and reviewed ideas on how to use potential dam grants funding.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Acknowledgment of the following minutes:

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility Commission: 08-18-2022

**MSC Carow/Gierl approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2022-07 – Approving the Contract for North Loop**

City Engineer Nickleski presented the recommendation of the contract for the North Loop Extension Construction. This project is to create a loop connection to Sterling Ponds to provide redundancy and improved fire flows. It will allow connection to the North Water Tower to the Mann Valley Corporate Park via future watermain on Radio Road. The project will provide water and sewer services to the proposed development on Paulson Road. The bids solicited by SEH, Inc. on behalf of the City of River Falls and there were four bids' staff reviewed. Total Excavating LLC is the recommended bid in the amount of \$3,094,461.90.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Hydroelectric Relicensing/Dam Removal/USACE/Kinni Corridor Plan Update**

Community Development Director Peterson and Utility Director Westhuis presented information on the Kinni Corridor Plan, Hydroelectric Relicensing, and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) interest in a larger dam removal and river restoration project. Peterson discussed the Kinni Corridor Plan's vision, guiding principles, key categories, initiatives, and the history of the Kinni Corridor Plan Implementation of the Public/Private Partnership of the KCC.

Westhuis reviewed the cost context of the hydroelectric relicensing, the million dollar grant from

Wisconsin DNR of the removal of Powell Falls and the potential to be awarded a \$10,000,000 grant from the USACE.

Peterson spoke on the background of the USACE Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), the scope, feasibility study costs, project costs and the recent meetings. She discussed the next steps of the feasibility study and next UAB meeting the USACE will be presenting next month.

#### Hydroelectric Production Numbers

Westhuis gave a brief overview of the hydroelectric production numbers from 2021 to the present, which was included in the packet.

#### Finance Report

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

#### Utility Dashboards

The 2022 August utility dashboards were included in the packet. Westhuis reviewed Electric AMI meters project has been completed and thanked the UAB and Council for their support on the project.

#### Monthly Report

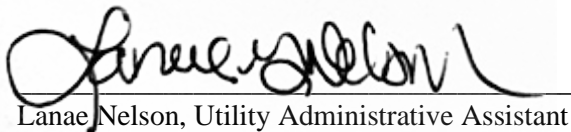
The 2022 Aug monthly utility reports were in the UAB packet for review.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**UAB Chair Wells-Mangold announced meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**

Reported by: Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson



Lanae Nelson, Utility Administrative Assistant