

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

November 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 2nd day of November, 2021, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE, BROWN, MOFFITT AND McNEIL

Also Present: SECRETARY SALLIS, CITY MANAGER DANIELS AND OTHER KEY STAFF

EX ABSNC COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, to grant an excused absence to COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND MARTINEZ. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE, BROWN, MOFFITT AND McNEIL  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND MARTINEZ

APPROVAL COMMISSIONER MOFFITT MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
AGENDA LeJEUNE, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE, BROWN, MOFFITT AND McNEIL  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND MARTINEZ

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CONSENT  
CALNDR None

REG ITEMS: COMMISSIONER MOFFITT MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 19, 2021.  
MINUTES Motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
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AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE, BROWN, MOFFITT AND McNEIL  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND MARTINEZ

PCA JUNE Rainie Torrance, asst utility manager, provided a brief explanation of the  
THRU power cost adjustment (PCA) information included in the packet. She felt the  
SEPT '21 PCA fund can rebalance itself based on the past few months. If continue the over-  
& CONT hydro rate of \$0.1285 during the winter, will be able to replenish the PCA funds

OVER-  
HYDRO  
RATE

and have a balance going into quarter four (April-June 2022).

COMMISSIONER MOFFITT MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE, to approve the power cost adjustment (PCA) for months of June through September 2021 and continuation of the electric over-hydro rate at \$0.1285 as established October 1, 2021. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE, BROWN, MOFFITT AND McNEIL

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND MARTINEZ

ELECT PWR  
PURCHASE  
& RATES

City Manager Daniels noted that Asst Utility Manager Torrance walked through the electric power purchasing and rates presentation at the last meeting but the Board was not able to discuss as it was not on the agenda. He reviewed the presentation information contained in the packet. At the conclusion of the review, an extended discussion was held on the need for public education by providing general information on what the city is doing and how the utilities are operated. It was the general consensus that a newsletter would help get that information out. City Manager Daniels agreed to provide a draft of a sustainable newsletter at the next meeting with a message that will be understandable to the residents.

COMMISSIONER BROWN provided a brief report on the focus of the Alternative Energy Ad-Hoc Committee being on hydropower. He asked if the Board's goal is a short term solution to power or a real solution long term. CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL felt it needs to be long term renewable energy and, while not sure it's cost effective to the ratepayers, is the way to go incrementally. COMMISSIONER MOFFITT does not feel solar is the way to go as in 30 years will have to dispose of the panels and they cannot go into landfills. He agreed with some of the things the ad-hoc committee is looking at as the way to move into the future.

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged the following reports: 1) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system September 2021; 2) monthly activity report July and August 2021; 3) Western Area Power Administration group power purchase Q2 FY22 (January - March 2022).

MGR'S RPT: City Manager Daniels spoke on the budget including continued improvements to the system to increase reliability. Previously issued a request for proposals and solicited an electric crew to take the lead on capital projects. Will bring back at the next meeting a project to bring services to the larger users until a new substation is built; two more alleys on the hill for pole replacement; and buckling pole on J Street. Staff is fine tuning the projects and will bring back for approval to award.

BRD RQSTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL spoke on the Board possibly submitting something for City Council consideration on eliminating utility debt. He would like to see an

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ad-hoc committee formed of members of this Board and the City Council to assist in a proposal on debt information. He's aware of the Brown Act requirements for holding public meetings with such an ad-hoc committee but removing all debt would affect all utilities.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 2nd day of November, 2021, adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

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Secretary