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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

B. Meeting Attendance

Board Members Present: Lars Bierly, Bernie Kriewall, Dan Mensing, Mark Loge, Tim Juba.

Staff Present: Laurie Oelke, Tim Stoner

Public: Dan Warner

C. General Reports

1. Public Forum and Correspondence

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the previous minutes from the February 8th, 2016 meeting.
Attachment 2016-04-01

Move: Mark Loge Second: Tim Juba Status: Passed

3. Financial Review

The Board was informed of the progress on the financial system change over. Balance and Income Sheet reports are next on the agenda following the recent completion of the account separation.

The fixed asset information has been loaded into the new software and is in operation.

We were able to get the final bond issuance information on March 28, 2016 allowing BELW to complete the audit. The auditor will be complete late April and delivered to the City.

4. Review Monthly Power Cost Adjustment

Reviewed the January PCA for the February billing due March 15, The board was presented with the February PCA .003827

5. Approval of Accounts Payable

The Board reviewed and approved the February Accounts Payable totaling \$960,849.58. Large accounts include \$264,848.47 for Energy/Capacity and Transmission. \$214,398.43 for Bond Payments, \$132,400.00 for metering equipment and 39,926.13 for SCADA systems. Attachment 2016-04-02

Move: Mark Loge Second: Dan Mensing Status: Passed

6. Review of Project Status

2016 projects include the following:
Fiber from warehouse to main office
North Main/ County 6 includes water-main and street lighting
North Main/Downtown new water-main and street lighting

Additional Street lighting several blocks outside of Main Street scope
Moving Winnebago Manufacturing to Industrial Feeder.

7. Review of Outage Reports

8. Approval of Collection/Write off Activity

There is no collection reports this month.

D. New Business

The Board discussed the potential of building a "Community Solar Garden" the Solar garden will be located in the within the city of Blue Earth. CMPAS has put a RFP out to the public, with bids to be opened June 1, 2016. The combined project will take advantage of a bulk pricing, centrally located system to be built and maintained by BELW. These cost saving efforts will be passed onto the residents who elect to take part in the project, allowing them to receive credit for the solar energy on future monthly bills. More information to be distributed at the projects progresses.

The Board requested a interest statement be placed on the bill to gauge local interest.

E. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm

Move: Dan Mensing Second: Mark Loge Status: Passed