

Commission Members Present: Vanessa Cain, Sheila Williamson-Branch, Paul Liepe, Helm Dobbins, Fred Shanks, Ken Larking, Anna Kautzman, Vic Ingram, Gary Miller

Commission Members Absent: Bert Eades

Staff Present: Jason Grey, Ryan Dodson, Janet Davis, Jennifer Holley, Michael Adkins

Others Present: Tom Dick, MEPAV

Call to Order

Chairman Cain opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Ms. Cain introduced Vic Ingram from the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ingram was appointed by their board to serve as a non-voting representative of the County.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of February 22, 2021 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from February 22, 2021.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Holley presented the January financial statements for each utility fund.

Budget Appropriation-Substation Upgrades

Mr. Grey presented a recommendation to the Utility Commission to amend the fiscal year 2021 budget to include the proceeds from the sale of Pinnacles Hydro to Northbrook Energy. The sale was completed on February 10, 2021 and the funds could be re-purposed towards the upgrades at the Westover and Southside substations. In addition, the funds could be

used towards the fourth delivery point at West Fork substation and the addition of the Ballou substation at the former Dan River Schoolfield complex.

A motion was made by Mr. Liepe and seconded by Mr. Dobbins that the Danville Utility Commission recommend to City Council amending the fiscal year 2021 budget to allocate the \$8,200,000 from of the sale of Pinnacles Hydro to substation upgrades and renovations. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

State Legislative Update- Tom Dick, MEPAV

Tom Dick from MEPAV provided an update on the energy related legislation discussed this past session in Richmond.

Mr. Dobbins asked with the federal package that was recently passed, how much money was allocated for state and local municipalities. Mr. Dick responded that he believed roughly half of \$6.8 billion will be provided to local communities. Mr. Dobbins said that it would be a good idea to find out what that distribution can be used for locally.

Dr. Miller asked did the state fund underground power lines. Mr. Dick responded that the cost was going to be recovered by Dominion customers of an increase of about \$5 per month on customer bills, but no, the state would not be funding placing the lines underground; they would just allow the utility to recoup the cost through the customers' bills.

Department Discussions

Mr. Larking welcomed Mr. Ingram to the Commission as did Dr. Miller and Mr. Dobbins.

Mr. Grey reported that there is an energy efficiency seminar April 17th at 11:00am via Zoom.

There was no comment from City staff or the public.

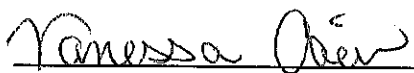
Adjournment

Chairman Cain stated the next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2021. Mr. Dobbins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Liepe seconded the motion. There being no further business, Chairman Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

April 26, 2021

Date Approved



Chairman

Danville Utility Commission