



Commission Members Present: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Anna Kautzman, Ken Larking, Vanessa Cain, Mary Williamson, Gary Miller

Commission Members Absent: Ronald Searce, Helm Dobbins, Steven Merricks

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Amy Chandler

Others Present:

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.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of August 28, 2023 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from August 28, 2023.

Ms. Kautzman 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. Chandler presented the July utility financial statements for each utility fund.

Renewable Energy Purchase Power Projects: Smokey Mountain Hydro and Blue Creek Wind-Renewable Energy Purchase Power Agreements (PPA)

Jason Grey provided the commission a proposal to replace expiring purchase power blocks and the Locust Ridge Wind (Purchase Power Agreement – PPA) with a contract for Smokey Mountain Hydro and Blue Creek Wind subscriptions. Danville Utilities is applying for an Empowering Rural America (ERA) grant through the USDA to possibly lower the cost of the PPA by up to 25% for 20-years. Staff recommended up to 20 megawatts of Smokey Mountain Hydro and up to 10 megawatts of Blue Creek wind if successful in receiving grant funding.

Ms. Kautzman asked what the term of the agreements is. Mr. Grey responded that the Smokey Mountain project would last for 10 years, and the Blue Creek wind project would last for 20 years.

Ms. Kautzman made a motion and Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded the motion that the Danville Utility Commission recommend to City Council approving entering into purchase power agreements for up to 20 megawatts of Smokey Mountain hydro generation and 10 megawatts of Blue Creek wind generation. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Department Discussions

There was no further communication from staff, commission members, or the public.

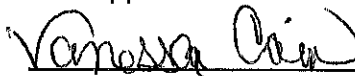
Adjournment

Ms. Cain announced that the next meeting will be on October 23, 2023. Ms. Williamson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kautzman seconded. There being no further business, Ms. Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

October 23, 2023

Date Approved



Chairman

Danville Utility Commission