

VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE
WATER AND LIGHT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023
Wednesday

5:30PM
MW&L Office

PRESENT:

Trustees: Tom Snipp, Travis Knapp, Brad Limoge (via Zoom) and Carl Fortune

Staff: Scott Johnstone and Penny Jones

Guest: Sara Haskins

Public: Kathy Chaffee

Absent: Robert Heanue

1) CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Snipp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2) CONSIDER AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

Staff wanted to add an action item, Water Loan Agreement, as Item 4a. On a **motion** by Trustee Knapp and seconded by Trustee Fortune, the board approved (4-0) adding Water Loan Agreement as action item 4a.

3) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2023:

On a **motion** by Trustee Limoge and seconded by Trustee Fortune, the board approved (4-0) the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 1, 2023.

4) CHECK REGISTERS (ACTION):

On a **motion** by Trustee Fortune and seconded by Trustee Knapp, the board approved (4-0) the check registers.

4a) WATER LOAN AGREEMENT:

This is for the water asset management initiative from last year. It is a \$45,000 forgivable loan from the State. Once the Board signs the loan agreement, the loan is forgiven and it turns into a grant. Aldrich & Elliott did the loan application and has done all the work. On a **motion** by Trustee Fortune and seconded by Trustee Knapp, the board approved (4-0) signing the Water Loan Agreement.

5) OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Annual Meeting Document Review.
 - a) Dedication
 - b) Manager and Trustee Report
 - c) SQRP Review
 - d) Draft Warrant
 - e) Draft Village 2023 Budget

The Trustees reviewed drafts of the above items that are each necessary for the Annual Village Meeting which is to be held on April 10th in 2023. The Trustees asked that one item in the draft warrant be deleted, requesting funds for a reserve fund, as the current balance is deemed sufficient for 2023. Otherwise, all items will be brought back to the next Trustee meeting for final approval.

b. Management Update.

Cady's Falls continues to be challenging. Temporary fix parts are not working exactly as they should be. Generation for January beat the 10-year average with just Plant #2 and Plant #3 running. There is sufficient water in the Green River basin to allow a five-foot drawdown.

Not a lot of customer projects coming in this year for the Electric Department compared to last year.

Penny got approval for our disconnect notices from the PUC. They met with the PUC regarding our rate case. Staff is testing the updated rates that will show up on our bills. We hope to get that on the March bills. Looks like it will be at least June before the rate case is delivered to the PUC for approval. The State will hold a public hearing somewhere in our service territory, probably in March.

We are still pursuing federal funds through VPPSA to help with hydro plant upgrades. The DPS has awarded VPPSA \$2 million to help with the costs of AMI of which a portion is designed to pay approximately 50% of MW&L's costs. Sonny Demars would like to attend an upcoming board meeting to discuss a possible land swap in the vicinity of BJAMS to create a new walking trail along the brook. Scott warned him that the Trustees are probably not interested in giving land away. It would also require voter approval.

c. Any other Business to come before the meeting.
None

6) PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

7) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a **motion** by Trustee Limoge and seconded by Trustee Knapp, the board approved (4-0) to go into Executive Session to discuss item(s) excepted from open meeting per Title 1 VSA § 313 (a)(4) Human Resources at 6:15 PM.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:28 PM.

8) ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:

On a **motion** by Trustee Travis and seconded by Trustee Limoge, the Board adjourned (4-0) the meeting at 6:28 PM.

Attest: Travis Knapp, Clerk