

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

October 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 15th day of October, 2024, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE, BROWN AND MOFFITT

Also Present: SECRETARY SALLIS, CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ, UTILITY MANAGER TORRANCE AND OTHER KEY STAFF

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

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

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

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

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: COMMISSIONER MOFFITT requested to pull item #3 (Approve the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Allowance Transaction from CP Energy Marketing LP (\$614,631.60) and Evolution Market (\$6,146.32) for a total amount not to exceed \$620,778 to be funded from the adopted FY25 electric budget).

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE, to pull consent item #3 and approve consent calendar items 1 and 2.

1. Minutes of adjourned regular meeting held October 1, 2024
2. Cancel the 2nd regular meetings of November 19 and December 17, 2024 due to the upcoming holidays

Motion to approve item 1 carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS LeJEUNE
AND MOFFITT

NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND McNEIL
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER BROWN

Motion to approve item 2 carried by the following roll call vote:

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

GHG EMSN COMMISSIONER MOFFITT noted that Needles is a town of 5,000 people and
ALLWNCE it's costing \$620,000 for nothing. This cost is not for energy projects but to
corporations. COMMISSIONER BROWN referenced the solar project
assessment and if that project was placed now, how much offset would there be of
the \$620,000? Discussion followed on the cost of the greenhouse gas emissions,
how a solar project may offset that cost, and the analysis that was prepared over a
30 year term showing a small offset.

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
LeJEUNE, to approve the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Allowance
Transaction from CP Energy Marketing LP (\$614,631.60) and Evolution Market
(\$6,146.32) for a total amount not to exceed \$620,778 to be funded from the
adopted FY25 electric budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REG ITEMS: Utility Manager Torrance explained that a request for proposals was issued for
a comprehensive electric, water and wastewater cost of service study and one
ACPT BID qualified bid was received. This study is done every five years and staff is asking
RE UTLTY the Board to accept the bid of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. in the amount of
RATE STDY \$98,774.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL referenced the solar project which is to be included as
it's city owned and felt the Board needs to have a full understanding of demand
meters and if they are beneficial to the electric utility. COMMISSIONER
MOFFITT commented that we also need to look at different rate structures i.e.
flat rate, tiered rate, etc.

City Manager Martinez spoke on the need for revenue to cover capital projects
and could get additional revenues by raising rates. Discussion ensued on how the
rate analysis will be done; what's to be included to come to the recommended
rate; and the rate study versus the solar project analysis and timing of both
reports.

COMMISSIONER MOFFITT MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN, to accept the bid of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to prepare a Comprehensive Electric, Water, and Wastewater Cost of Service Ratemaking Study at a cost not to exceed \$98,774 utilizing the adopted FY25 NPUA budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

APPT RATE STUDY AD HOC COMM CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL noted that COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER will be leaving in March but does have an interest in being on this Ad Hoc Committee until his departure and then the Board could appoint a replacement. He proposed COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER for appointment and COMMISSIONER MOFFITT proposed CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL.

COMMISSIONER MOFFITT MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE, to appoint CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS SCHNEIDER AND BROWN to the 2024 Ratemaking Study Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged the following reports: 1)) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system September 2024; 2) Monthly Activity Report June 2024; and 3) Present Perfected Rights (PPR) report September 2024

MGR'S RPT: City Manager Martinez briefly spoke on current projects and events.

BRD RQSTS: COMMISSIONER BROWN asked for an update on the water treatment plant to which Utility Manager Torrance responded there's been an unforeseen delay of 8-10 weeks from this week, however, will be doing the 16" intertie line during that time.

COMMISSIONER MOFFITT asked about the status of the metal building on Broadway and City Manager Martinez responded that the building permit is good for one year and the city can't do anything until the permit expires.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 15th day of October, 2024, adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairman

Secretary