



# UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City of New Prague

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Power Plant - 300 East Main St

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Utilities Commission President Dan Bishop on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Dan Bishop, Paul Busch, Tom Ewert, Charles Nickolay and Bruce Wolf

Staff Present: General Manager Bruce Reimers and EOS Ken Zweber

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Nickolay, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried (5-0)

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Nickolay, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, to approve the January meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried (5-0)

## 4. UTILITY AND SMMPA BILLS

a. Approval of accounts payable in the amount of **\$255,813.94** and the SMMPA billing of **\$540,250.98**.

Motion by Commissioner Ewert, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to approve the accounts payable as presented.

Motion carried (5-0)

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Investment Report

b. Financial Report

c. Water and Kilowatt Hours Sales

Motion made by Commissioner Ewert, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to approve the financial reports as presented.

Motion carried (5-0)

## 6. APPROVAL OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

a. Memo

Motion made by Commissioner Nickolay, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to approve the capital equipment purchase of a 2026 Bobcat UW56 Tool Cat Utility Machine.

Motion carried (5-0)

**7. SMMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

a. January 15, 2026

GM Reimers reviewed the impact of winter storm Fern impact on the cost of energy and the impact it had on the electrical grid. GM Reimers informed the Commission that the financial impact is estimated to be around 10 million dollars to the agency and that will be recovered through the ECA monthly energy charges of not more than \$.02/Kwh per month.

**8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. Brokerage Account Change

GM Reimers informed the Commission that the Well Fargo brokerage account had been switched over to the 4M account and the fee savings will be around 25 basis points.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Paulson asked to speak about the car chargers that have been jointly installed by NPUC and SMMPA and indicated the DC fast charge located at the Colborn's grocery store would not allow him to charge due to it being out of service and having outdated connections that wouldn't work with Tesla cars. GM Reimers said he would put in a service ticket but also stated that several utilities have been using this type of charger are having the same issues and that the provider is not responding to service requests. GM Reimers said he would make some calls and let the Commission know what the next steps will be.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Ewert, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to adjourn the February Commission meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Motion carried (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bruce Reimers  
General Manager