

The reconvened regular meeting of the Brainerd Public Utilities Commission was held at 9:00 AM on July 12, 2017.

Commission President Dolly Matten called the meeting to order.

**Commissioners Roll Call**

Lucy Nesheim – Present  
Don Samuelson - Absent  
William Wroolie – Present

Mark O'Day – Present  
Dolly Matten – Present

**Utility Staff Present**

Secretary/Finance Director  
Superintendent of Utilities

Todd Wicklund  
Scott Magnuson

**Purpose of Meeting**

President Matten stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the awarding of construction contract for Hydro Downstream Spillway Apron Overlay Project and to consider any other business that may come before the Commission.

**Award of Construction Contract**

Superintendent Magnuson stated one qualified bid was received from Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. (ECI) with a base bid of \$1,497,355.00 and an option for additional concrete if needed, at \$790.00 per cubic yard totaling \$450,300.00 or if deemed needed the installation of fourteen drains for \$63,230.00.

One unqualified bid was received which was sent back to bidder unopened. Two qualified contractors did not submit bids due to the timing of the Project or their current work schedule. Final permit approvals are expected to be received by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the next few days.

**Motion by Commissioner Wroolie and seconded by Commissioner Nesheim to approve the awarding of the construction contract for the Apron Overlay Project to ECI for the base bid of \$1,497,355.00, including options of \$519,530.00. The authorization of BPU officials to sign the Notice of Award is subject to obtaining final agencies' (FERC and DNR) approval. There was a unanimous roll call vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

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**Other Items**

Financing for Project

Finance Director Wicklund discussed the potential of issuing additional bonds to finance the Project and the necessity of adjusting the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) from \$.015 cents per kWh to \$0.021 cents per kWh for the next few months. The Commission directed Wicklund to contact Springsted, BPU's bond finance advisor to work on bonding financing options. Action on the PCA rate adjustment deferred until the July 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Installation of Plastic Water Lines

Commissioner Wroolie mentioned that the issue of allowing the installation of plastic water lines rather than copper should be discussed and resolved in the near future. No action taken on this matter.

**Adjournment**

**President Matten adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.**