

The special meeting of the Brainerd Public Utilities Commission was held at 11:00 AM on June 22, 2021.

Commission Vice president O'Day called the meeting to order.

Commission Roll Call

Mike Angland – Present

Mark O'Day – Present

Tad Johnson – Absent

Dolly Matten – Present

William Wroolie – Present

Utility Staff Present

Finance Director

Todd Wicklund

Superintendent

Scott Magnuson

Recording Secretary

Sharon Jensen

Commission Vice President O'Day opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Short Elliot Hendrickson – 2.0 MG Water Storage Tank Bid Award

Superintendent Magnuson stated that some controls were added to the second bid documents and the bids were opened on June 17, 2021, two bids were received for the 2.0 MG Water Storage Tank re-bid. SEH with the added controls estimate for the project was \$5,989,000 and the low bidder was Magney Construction. The bids were as follows:

Magney Construction	\$5,974,000
Rice Lake Construction	\$6,060,200

Motion by Commissioner Wroolie and seconded by Commissioner Matten to award bid for the 2.0 MG Water Storage Tank to Magney Construction in the amount of \$5,974,000.00. There was a unanimous roll call vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Water Sprinkling Restrictions

Magnuson presented a draft proposal for Commission discussion regarding implementation of watering restrictions. He stated that the City of Baxter has imposed a ban and the MN DNR has sent out information encouraging water conservation to all communities during the current drought conditions. The Commissioners discussed the proposed time of day restrictions and odd/even days and determined that the ban would be for all customers every day.

BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING

June 22, 2021

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

This unusually dry and hot summer is creating a large increase in demand for water. Brainerd Public Utilities has implemented a daytime watering ban to ensure adequate water supply and to promote water conservation.

Watering of lawns and gardens is **NOT** allowed between the hours of **9:00 am and 6:00 pm - 7 days a week.**

If you are watering from a private well on your property or using a water pump to move water from a lake or river, you are exempt from this watering restriction. You are also exempt if you have a newly sodded or seeded lawn. Daily watering of new sod and grass seed is recommended for the first 14 days to establish root growth. After 14 days, normal watering should be sufficient for establishing a new lawn. Laying new sod or planting grass seed during very dry times of the year is discouraged.

The Brainerd Public Utilities Commission will consider implementing fines if customers fail to comply with the watering restrictions.

Motion by Commissioner Wroolie and seconded by Commissioner Matten to impose a watering ban for BPU customers between for the hours of 9 AM to 6 PM until further notice. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Other Item

AEP Solar Project Update

Wicklund stated that the survey corners of the solar field need to be certified. The panels have reduced in price and the addition of more panels will increase the capacity to 5.8 MW. Later part of August is the projected start date to begin construction.

Commissioner Matten inquired about the employee cost for the BPU crews to put up the banners for the Brainerd Sesquicentennial (150 years). Magnuson stated he would have the amount available for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Wroolie and seconded by Commissioner Angland to adjourn at 11:18 AM. Meeting Adjourned.

Tad Johnson, Commission President

Todd Wicklund, Commission Secretary