

BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES

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The special meeting of the Brainerd Public Utilities Commission was held at 10:00 AM on October 15, 2024.

Commission President Matten called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Commission Roll Call

Mike Angland – Absent
Tad Erickson – Present
Dolly Matten – Present

Utility Staff Present

Public Utilities Director

Finance Manager

Operations Manager

Water/Wastewater Manager

Business Office Supervisor

Electric Line Supervisor

I.T. Supervisor

Christopher Evans

Danny Loch

Trent Hawkinson

Charlie Gammon

Jana Pernula

Mitch Lachelt

Aaron Andersen

Others in Attendance

City Council Liaison Jeff Czeczok
City Administrator Nick Broyles
Community Member Michael Duval

President Matten opened the meeting with introductions. Roll call was taken, and discussion of strategic plan was turned over to Director Evans.

Evans presented the compiled documents, and a summarized vision and mission statements members had discussed at the previous session. Drafted statements for consideration were presented:

OUR VISION: Brainerd Public Utilities strives for the well-being of our employees, customers, and the public to create a resilient and thriving community for generations to come.

OUR MISSION: Creating a resilient and thriving community for generations to come through diligent resource management that prioritizes safety, efficiency, conservation, sustainability, innovation, long-term environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility in the most affordable manner.

Additional conversations occurred related to the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis from all commissioners and staff. A guided discussion occurred relating to the opportunities and threats section of the overall analysis for consideration by all relating to the SWOT

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analysis. Evans will compile or summarize the related results of these discussion topics for the next meeting.

Additional discussion moved into the needs that were compiled by all staff and members of commissioners and a guided discussion occurred related to future needs, all of which will be summarized by Evans for the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for October 22nd to continue the strategic goals discussion and subsequent date.

Dolly Matten, Commission President

Danny Loch, Finance Manager/Secretary

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