

**Commission Members Present:** Clinton O'Neill (phone), Dan Herlihey (Vice Chair), Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, Matt Elkins (virtual), and Randy Williams.

**LUC Commission Members Absent:** Bill Szmyd, Richard Rhoads, John Butler

**Council Liaison Present:** None

**City Staff Members Present:** Kevin Gertig (Director), Derek Turner, Frank Lindauer, Jim Lees, John Beckstrom, John Faulkner, Ronnie Gao, Laurie Cecere, Michelle Erickson, Roger Berg, Steve Johnson, Todd Hanlin, Coreen Callahan, Tyler Groce, Donald Cecil, Nathan Alburn, and Chad Birgenheier.

**Guest Attendance:** Dan Hodges (CAMU)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Gary Hausman called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**Item 2.1: Adoption of Minutes – Gary Hausman**

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Don Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously with a **6-0 vote**.

### CITIZENS REPORT

**Item 3.1 Citizens Report – Dan Hodges from the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU)** presented. Reminded that public power utilities are non-profit organizations providing cost effective reliable utilities. It is common in America and important part of the electric utility landscape. In Colorado, there are 29 distribution systems through 3 joint agencies. CAMU provides legislative support, legal support, and industry peer support. The value of membership with CAMU is greater representation in the house and senate. Spoke to how well Loveland has done with electric rates.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Item 4.1: Water and Law Legislative Update – Derek Turner**

This item provides a brief update on water-related legislation introduced or under discussion by the Colorado General Assembly during the legislative season, water court developments or items of interest in District 4 of Water Division 1 (The Big Thompson and Little Thompson River basins), and Colorado or Loveland-related water news.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

**Item 4.2: Water Supply Update – Nathan Alburn**

This item provides the raw water supply update.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

**Item 4.3: Electric Legislative Update – Laurie Cecere**

This item and Attachment A are intended to give a brief update on electric-related legislation at both the state and federal level. Loveland Water and Power works closely with Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) and its sister cities but relies primarily on the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) for information on electric-related legislation.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

**Item 4.4: Financial Report Update - Jim Lees**

This item summarizes the preliminary monthly and year-to-date financials for February 2022.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

**CONSENT AGENDA****Item 5.1: WTP Control Room Modifications Contract – Roger Berg**

The Water Treatment Plant Control building was originally constructed in 1980 with minimal interior alterations since its construction. Therefore an interior and exterior renovation project has been proposed to modernize controls, improve the working environment for staff, and accommodate future growth. Bids for the project were requested and reviewed, and the contract was awarded.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion To Award The Construction Contract For The Water Treatment Plant Control Room Modifications To Bryan Construction In The Amount Not To Exceed Of \$2,122,000.00 And Authorize The City Manager To Execute The Contract On Behalf Of The City.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Randy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a **6-0** vote.

**Item 5.2: Water Reclamation Facility Biosolids Contract with Denali Water Solutions – Joe Creaghe**

Anaerobic Digestion is the final treatment step for sludge stabilization in conventional activated wastewater treatment. Bacteria are introduced to the sludge where it is mixed, heated and retained for a period of time to meet State and Federal regulations, typically referred to as Biosolids. The Biosolids are then hauled to various agricultural fields where they are applied in order to recycle the remaining nutrients and organic matter to enhance soil conditions. This contract is for Denali Water Solutions to provide the hauling and disposal services needed to maintain proper treatment at the Water Reclamation Facility. The not-to-exceed total in the Veris Environmental LLC Biosolids hauling contract for 2022 will be \$900,000.00

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Motion Approving the 2022 Contract for Denali Water Solutions for Hauling and Land Application of Biosolids with a Not-To-Exceed Contract Price of \$900,000.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Renewal for Service.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Randy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a **6-0** vote.

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**REGULAR AGENDA****Item 6.1: Removal of Chasteen's Grove from the National Register of Historic Places – Michelle Erickson**

The qualities which caused the site to originally be listed in the National Register have been lost or were never implemented. In addition, the property is adjacent to the City's Water Treatment Plant and the Police Department firing range, therefore the site cannot be opened to the public in the future. Staff believes it is in the best interest to the Loveland community to remove Chasteen's Grove from the National Registry. Removing this designation would allow the utility to more quickly make changes to the Loveland Water Treatment Plant site to meet our current and future drinking water needs for Loveland's water customers.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a motion recommending that City Council approve a recommendation for staff to pursue the removal of Chasteen's Grove from the National Register of Historical Places.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Randy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a **6-0** vote.

**Item 6.2: Western United Electric Contract Amendment – Steve Johnson**

Due to current supply and transportation issues in the Medium Voltage cable industry, City Staff is seeking to amend our current contract with Western United Electric that supplies 1/0 primary, 200 amp cables, to include 750 MCM, 600 amp cable. In addition, increase the contract amount from \$390,000.00 to \$700,000.00. The Current contract with Western United Electric was formally bid and awarded back in September of 2019 and although 750 MCM cable was include in the bid, it was not awarded to Western United Electric. Western United Electric contract renewed in October of 2020 & 2021.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a motion to approve the contract amendment to include adding 750 MCM Cable and to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount to \$700,000.00 for Underground Primary Cable with Western United Electric and authorize the City Manager to sign the Contract on behalf of the City.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Gene Packer seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a **6-0** vote

**STAFF REPORT****Item 7.1: Niagara Transformer Contract Substation Amendment – Ronnie Gao**

Power department would like to make a contract amendment with Niagara Transformer, originally awarded the Airport substation transformer A1 replacement. We would like Niagara Transformer to switch production from the current A1, 50MVA transformer to E2, 33.3MVA transformer, which will be identical to what we purchased in April, 2020.

**Recommendation:** Staff item only. No action required.

**Item 7.2: Loveland Utilities Commission Roles and Responsibilities – Derek Turner**

The City Attorney's Office provides brief presentations to City Boards and Commissions on a semi-regular basis, to refresh board members and educate new members as to the roles and responsibilities of the board or commission. This training will briefly describe the LUC's role and responsibility as described in the

Loveland Municipal Code, the Colorado Open Meetings Law as it relates to the meetings of the LUC, the Colorado Open Records Act as it relates to the members of the LUC, and a reminder of ethics and conflicts of interest requirements that relate to the LUC.

**Recommendation:** Staff item only. No action required.

## COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS

### Item 8.1: Commission Reports

**Dan Herlihey:** Dan touched on the Amazon property purchase of 150 acres north of the airport and his understanding of which water districts that falls under. **He's acknowledging that when it is developed it will include Loveland utilities including Pulse. Watched Jason Frisbee's presentation and thought it was excellent. He asked whether he could come attend an LUC meeting and Kevin said that is the plan with permission of the Commission. Dan also mentioned he will be leaving for Chile.**

**Gene Packer:** None.

**Bill Szmyd:** None.

**Clinton O'Neill:** None.

**Don Cook:** None.

**Gary Hausman:** Gary spoke about the progress at the Chimney Hollow Project and how big of a project it is.

**John Butler:** None.

**Matt Elkins:** None.

**Randy Williams:** None.

**Richard Rhoads:** None.

### Item 8.2: Council reports

**No council was available**

**Kevin spoke on behalf of Councilor Olsen and Mallo as they are in Washington DC and they will give a briefing next month.**

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Item 9.1: Director's Report

- Plans are made to update the City of Loveland Utilities Strategic Plan beginning in March of 2022. Any updates will be made available to the Commission as soon as possible.
- Please let the LUC Staff Liaison know if you wish to attend the Upper Colorado River Basin Tour that is currently scheduled for June 15-17, 2022. A save the date reminder has been emailed to each Commissioner. This is a three-day, annual River Basin Tour that consists of about 50-60 other water professionals, agriculture producers, elected officials, educators, and interested community members. The tour will take place on a coach bus throughout the Upper Colorado River Basin. This tour features: multiple Colorado Western Slope watersheds within the Upper Colorado River system, speakers from a diversity of perspectives who are grappling with the future of Colorado River management, restoration, and protection within Colorado, on the ground projects, research and examples of program implementation, and three full days of in-field learning covering a broad

geographic reach. Registration will open in March, and Water Education Colorado members will have the first opportunity to register.

- Kevin will plan on providing a Platte River Power Authority update to the Commission.
- Kevin selected to purchase this book for the Commission. The title is The Energy Switch by Peter Kelly-Detwiler. Here's a brief description of the book: "The energy industry is changing, and it's far more than just solar panels. Electric vehicles look to overtake gasoline-powered cars within our lifetimes, wind farms are popping up in unlikely places, traders are transforming energy into a commodity, and supercomputers are crunching vast amounts of data in nanoseconds while helping to keep our energy grids secure from hackers. The way humans produce, distribute and consume power will be cleaner, cheaper, and infinitely more complex within the next decade. In The Energy Switch, leading energy industry expert Peter Kelly-Detwiler looks at all aspects of the transformation: how we got here, where we are going, and the implications for all of us in our daily lives."
- Kevin will update everyone on the recruitment process for the Power Division Manager position.
- Will discuss budget preparation for Loveland Water and Power.
- Kevin wanted to highlight a podcast that is produced by Public Power and informative. You can access the podcast here: <https://www.publicpower.org/podcasts>
- Recently staff sent the Commissioners a monthly newsletter from Northern Water regarding the Chimney Hollow Reservoir update. Staff has enrolled each Commissioner on the Northern Water website to automatically receive the monthly newsletter. If you wish to opt out, simply click "Manage Subscriptions" or "Unsubscribe" at the bottom of the next email.
- Attachment A references America's Electricity Generation Capacity.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tyler Groce  
Recording Secretary  
Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, Chair

