

Commission Members Present: Bill Szmyd, Dan Herlihey (Vice Chair), Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, Matt Elkins, Randy Lee Williams

LUC Commission Members Absent: James Laferriere, John Butler

Council Liaison Present: Steve Olson, Jon Mallo

Council Liaison Absent: N.A.

City Staff Members Present: Aaron Rodriguez, Adam Bromley, Chad Birgenheier, Derek Turner, Jim Lees, John Faulkner, Kevin Gertig (Director), Melanie Reeves, Nathan Alburn, Ryan Van Pelt, Todd Hanlin.

Guest Attendance: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Hausman called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item 2.1: Adoption of Minutes – Gary Hausman

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2023.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion.

Second: Don Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously with a **7-0** vote.

CITIZENS REPORT

Item 3.1 Citizens Report

None.

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: Electric Legislative Update – Derek Turner

This item is 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 4.3: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item provides the raw water supply update.

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 2023.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

STAFF REPORTS**Item 5.1: Appointment of LUC members as liaisons for the 2023 Water/Wastewater Cost-of-Service Rate Study – Jim Lees**

The purpose of this item is to select two Loveland Utilities Commission (LUC) members to serve as liaisons to review the 2023 Water/Wastewater Cost-of-Service Rate Study.

Recommendation: Choose two liaisons from the LUC to participate in the 2023 Water/Wastewater Cost-of-Service Rate Study orientation process for Loveland Water and Power.

Outcome: Don Cook and Gary Hausman volunteered to participate in the rate study.

Item 5.2: Update on the Water Vulnerability Task Force – Raw Water Master Plan – Todd Hanlin

The Water Vulnerabilities Task Force, a public body comprised of three LUC members and a City Councilmember, recently received a public presentation from staff on the results of the 2020 Raw Water Master Plan. Staff will summarize the presentation to refresh the LUC on the City's current water demand projections, the City's water supply inventory, the City's firm yield of water rights, and emerging projects and priorities related to raw water.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS**Item 6.1: Commission Reports**

Dan Herlihey: None.

Gene Packer: Gene appreciated the staff involved in the Water Vulnerabilities Taskforce meetings; the presentations so far have been very well done.

Bill Szmyd: None.

Don Cook: None.

Gary Hausman: Gary asked Jim about the water main break at 8th and Wilson and wanted to know how an emergency project like that works into the budget. Jim Lees explained that we repurpose other capital project funds.

John Butler: N.A.

Matt Elkins: Matt noted his interest in the Water Fluency Program.

Randy Williams: None.

James Laferriere: N.A.

Council reports

Steve Olson: Councilor Olson gave an update that the purchase authority that we requested in February was approved (regarding transformers). He also gave an update on the homeless encampment, increased foot patrols, and additional resources for those individuals in need. He noted that the City released a [‘State of the City’](#) video on the website.

Jon Mallo: Councilor Mallo noted that the council has had 4 meetings on the redistricting issue, it is not an easy issue.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT**Item 7.1: Director’s Report – Kevin Gertig**

1. Please see project updates from February 2023 for the Water department. Don Cook suggested that we add locations to our project update sheets.
2. **LUC Spring Recruitment is upon us!** The LUC currently has one vacant Board position, and one vacant Alternate position. If you know anyone interested in applying to the Board, please encourage them to do so!
 - a. **Board Members with expiring terms in June 2023:**
 - i. Eugene Packer
 - ii. Bill Szmyd
 - iii. Don Cook

Reminders:

- a. Any incumbent who wants to be considered for reappointment needs to submit an application. Also, any alternates wanting to move into a member position will need to apply as well.
- b. Melanie will send out an email to the entire commission with all recruitment information. If you have questions, please contact her!

3. Kevin gave an update on the American Public Power Association (APPA) CEO Roundtable that he attended in Savannah, GA earlier this week. This included an update on creative solutions regarding the transformer supply issue.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Reeves
Recording Secretary
Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, Chair

