

Minutes of the Moorhead Public Service Commission
MPS' Dispatch/Operations Center Conference Room
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – 4:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Baker, Lisa Borgen (arrived at 4:40 p.m.), Amy Lammers, Matthew Leiseth, and Jason Ness

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Lindaas

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Travis Schmidt; Staff Members Adam Benhardt, Cheryl Glasoe, Taylor Holte, Jake Long, Mark Moilanen, Andrew Nord, Marc Pritchard, Aaron Southard, and Jason Yonke; MPS Attorney John Boulger

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Commissioner Leiseth called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. A quorum of the following members was present: Baker, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness.

2. APPROVE AGENDA.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

[The consent agenda approved above includes all items shown herein with an asterisk (*). These items were considered routine or non-controversial by the Commission and were enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is the motion above to approve the consent agenda.]

***4. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2026.**

Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2026. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

***5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**

Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

***6. APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2027 ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.**

Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 2027 electrical materials. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

7. CUSTOMERS TO BE HEARD/RECOGNITIONS.

There were no customers to be heard.

General Manager Travis Schmidt recognized several Moorhead Public Service (MPS) employees for their dedication to professional development and their accomplishments.

Todd Copeland, GIS Coordinator, was recognized for completing the Geographic Information Science certificate program and obtaining his GIS professional certificate. Hayden Patterson, GIS Analyst, was recognized for earning his master's degree in science and completing the Geographic Information Science certificate program. Katie Kemper, HR Coordinator, was recognized for earning her bachelor's degree in business management and becoming a Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional.

8. OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old business to discuss.

9. REPORTS.

City Council

Commissioner Borgen stated that the Moorhead City Council continues to work on its 2027 budget plans and conduct workshops to explore various opportunities.

Public Service Commission.

Chairperson Leiseth and Water Distribution Manager Jake Long provided an update on the American Waterworks Association Annual Conference & Exposition, which they attended June 21-24, 2026.

General Manager's Report.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided an introduction to the General Manager's Report, which included an update on the Ozone Generator and Equipment Replacement Project at MPS' Water Treatment Plant, Western Area Power Administration's preliminary drought adder notification, and MPS employees' participation in Safe City Nights and American Public Power Association's Public Power Day of Giving.

Water Plant Manager Marc Pritchard provided an update on the Ozone Generator Replacement Project and led a tour of the Water Treatment Plant, concluding the meeting.

Accept Report on MPS' Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

Water Distribution Manager Jake Long provided an update on the installation of electric and water meters for MPS' Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project. Long and General Manager Travis Schmidt responded to questions of the Commission. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to accept the report on Moorhead Public Service's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

Accept Report on Northeast Generating Station Financial Analysis.

Electric Project Engineer Taylor Holte provided an overview of the financial analysis completed for MPS' Northeast Generating Station. General Manager Travis Schmidt responded to questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Ness made a motion to accept the report on the financial analysis completed by DGR Engineering for the Northeast Generating Station. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

10. APPROVE AMENDED S-1 POWER SALE AGREEMENT WITH MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided background information on the S-1 Power Sale Agreement.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve:

- 1. Amended Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency Power Sale Agreement (S-1) between Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency, doing business as Missouri River Energy Services, Moorhead Public Service, the City of Moorhead, and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (as amended and restated effective January 2, 2027);*
- 2. Amended Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency Power Sale Agreement (S-1) Schedule A: Points of Delivery, Measurement, and Adjustments; and*
- 3. Resolution approving the amended and restated Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency Power Sale Agreement (S-1).*

Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

11. APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS FROM MOORHEAD PARKS AND RECREATION FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided information on the sponsorship requests from Moorhead Parks and Recreation for upcoming events.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to approve sponsorship requests from Moorhead Parks and Recreation for Greater Moorhead Days, Pumpkin Party Pick-Up, and Holiday Kick-Off in the amount of \$4,500. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Lammers, Leiseth, and Ness. Voting No: None.

12. CLOSE MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The meeting was not closed for executive session.

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS.

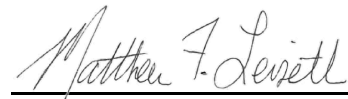
Upcoming meetings of the Moorhead Public Service Commission are scheduled for August 4, 2026 (if needed), and August 25, 2026.

14. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

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The minutes herein are approved on this 25th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED BY:



Matthew Leiseth
Chairpersonⁱ

ATTEST:



Lisa Borgen
Secretaryⁱ

ⁱ Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Moorhead Public Service Commission adopted January 18, 2022, Article 3, Section 11, states, "The Chairperson and Secretary shall sign, execute, and acknowledge all instruments authorized by the Commission or as are incident to the office. If either the Chairperson or Secretary is unavailable to execute an instrument, the Vice Chairperson may execute the instrument in place of the unavailable officer. Execution of instruments by two officers is required."