

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2026, 1:00 P.M.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Princeton, was held at the Mille Lacs County Historical Society Depot Museum in the Amdall Room, 202 10th Avenue South, on February 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Edmonds at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Jack Edmonds and Tom Jackson. Nick Nowak was present remotely.

Absent: None

PPU Staff: General Manager Keith Butcher, Electric Superintendent Jeremy Linden, Water/Power Plant Superintendent Scott Schmit, Office Manager Christina Cunningham, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Ohman.

Others: City Councilor Nick Taylor. Ed Yost, Kevin Kruger, WSB Engineer, and PUC Customer Ashley Hughes, Go Savvy.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Edmonds called for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda of the February 25, 2026, Regular PUC Meeting with additions. Mr. Nowak seconded. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PUC Customer Ashley Hughes, Go Savvy, commented on the amount required for a commercial meter deposit from customers when signing up for utilities. She asked for help with her meter deposit.

Discussion.

The consensus of the PUC Commission is to review the PUC Policy on meter deposits.

Ashley Hughes, Go Savvy left the meeting following her public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2026
- b. Certification of Accounts Payable

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the February 25, 2026, Regular PUC Meeting. Mr. Nowak seconded. Motion carried.

5. REPORTS:

- a. General Manager Report
 - i. Office Manager Report
 - ii. Water/Power Plant Superintendent Report
 - iii. Electric Superintendent Report
- b. Financial Reports – Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Trial Balance, and Cash Reserves
- c. Other Reports
 - i. SMMPA and EV Reports

Office Manager Christina Cunningham left the meeting.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. **THIRD STREET BID PACKAGE**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented WSB memo regarding *Authorize Bidding for the 3rd Street Reconstruction Project, WSB Project No. 030895-000*. Included was a recommendation from WSB for improvements for North 3rd Street with an alternate option to include 14th Avenue from 2nd Street to 3rd Street.

Discussion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the bidding process presented by WSB Engineers which includes the alternate option. Mr. Nowak seconded. Motion carried.
- b. **WINTER STORM FERN IMPACT**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented *Memo 26-07: Winter Storm Fern Impact* reporting on the potential financial impacts due to Winter Storm Fern.

Discussion.

Consent of the PUC Commission is to follow the PUC Policy.
- c. **PFAS NEXT STEPS**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented *Memo 26-08: PFAS Update* along with Bolton & Menk Phase III Proposal.

Discussion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve Bolton & Menk's Phase III Proposal. Mr. Nowak seconded. Motion carried.

d. **2025 YEAR IN REVIEW**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented Princeton Public Utilities 2025 Year in Review.

Discussion.

e. **CITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented *Memo 26-09: City Council 2/12 Meeting* regarding City Council discussions that would have a direct impact on PPU and its ratepayers.

Discussion

Commissioner Nick Nowak left the meeting.

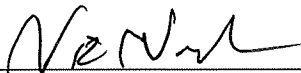
f. **MARCH COMMISSION MEETING CHANGE**

General Manager Keith Butcher proposed postponing the March 18, 2026 Regular PUC Meeting to April 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM due to the MMUA Legislative Conference held during that time.


Discussion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to reschedule the March 18, 2026 Regular PUC Meeting to April 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Mr. Edmonds seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Mr. Edmonds seconded. Motion carried.



Chair



Secretary/Treasurer