

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 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 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, on April 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Nowak at 1:00 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Nick Nowak, Tom Jackson, and Richard Schwartz.

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 and Ed Yost.

### 2. WELCOME COMMISSIONER RICHARD SCHWARTZ

Mr. Nowak welcomed and swore in Commissioner Richard Schwartz.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nowak called for additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to approve the agenda of the April 1, 2026, Regular PUC Meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

### 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Richard Schwartz brought up a discussion on the appointment of the chair position. Commissioner Richard Schwartz made a motion to add Chair under Election of Officers to the agenda. Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion carried. The requested addition to the agenda is as follows:

4. Election of Officers:
  - a. Chair
  - b. Vice-Chair

#### a. **CHAIR**

There was a discussion on the chair position. Mr. Jackson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Nick Nowak as PUC Commission Chair for the year 2026. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

**b. VICE-CHAIR**

There was a discussion on the vice-chair position. Mr. Nowak made a motion to appoint Commissioner Tom Jackson as PUC Commission Vice-Chair for the year 2026. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no Public Comments.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2026
- b. Certification of Accounts Payable

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the April 1, 2026 Regular PUC Meeting. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

**7. REPORTS:**

- a. General Manager Report
  - i. Office Manager Report
  - ii. Water/Power Plant Superintendent Report
  - iii. Electric Superintendent Report
- b. Other Reports
  - i. SMMPA and EV Reports

**8. REGULAR AGENDA**

**a. FINANCIAL REPORT DISCUSSION**

Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Ohman presented *Memo 26-10: Financial Reports* regarding ongoing financial report needs of the Princeton Public Utilities Commission. Included in the memo was potential reports and periods the reports will be provided.

Discussion.

**b. WINTER STORM FERN UPDATE**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented *Memo 26-11: Winter Storm Fern Update* reporting on the impacts due to Winter Storm Fern.

Discussion.

**c. EV CHARGING RATES**

General Manager Keith Butcher presented *Memo 26-12: EV Charging Rate Changes* to update the EV charging rates as required under state statute.

Discussion.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to update the fee schedule to a DCFC rate of \$0.40 / kWh and an L2 rate of \$0.25 / kWh. Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

**d. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING**

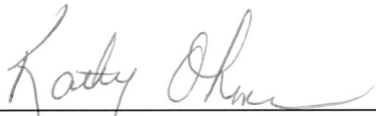
General Manager Keith Butcher proposed rescheduling June 24, 2026, Regular PUC Meeting to June 17, 2026, at 1:00 PM due to a scheduling conflict.

Discussion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to reschedule the June 24, 2026, Regular PUC Meeting to June 17, 2026, at 1:00 PM. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary/Treasurer