

**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

**Council Liaison Absent:** Jon Mallo

**City Staff Members Present:** Aaron Rodriguez, Adam Bromley, Chad Birgenheier, Jim Lees, Kevin Gertig (Director), Melanie Reeves, Todd Hanlin

**Guest Attendance:** None

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

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

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2022.

**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 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 4.3: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt**

This item provides the raw water supply update.

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

**ACTION ITEM****Item 5.1: Loveland Utilities Commission 2023 Work Plan – Kevin Gertig**

Per the Boards and Commissions handbook: The City Council encourages all Boards and Commissions to develop annually a work plan by for the subsequent year (the work plan year) that aligns with the City of Loveland Strategic Plan and to produce an annual report summarizing accomplishments of the work plan year by March 31 immediately following the work plan year. The City Clerk's Office will provide copies of these documents to City Council and posted to the website for information purposes.

**Recommendation:** Respectfully request that the Commission contribute ideas to the work plan draft. Staff will polish the draft and bring a final copy to the upcoming meeting in February.

**COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS****Item 8.1: Commission Reports**

**Dan Herlihey:** None.

**Gene Packer:** None.

**Bill Szmyd:** Bill is attending the Colorado Water Congress 2023 Annual Convention next week. He hopes to bring good information back to the group.

**Don Cook:** Don is delighted with 29<sup>th</sup> street lift station. The building is very nice, he's happy to have the street open again as well.

**Gary Hausman:** Gary is serving on a committee for the Loveland Veterans Plaza in partnership with the Loveland Parks division. The Veterans Plaza will be a place of reflection, honor, education, and history as well as a venue for events and more. It will honor all wars and conflicts and will be unlike any other Veterans memorial or plaza known in Colorado: WWI, WWII, Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Gulf War, Somalia, Kosovo, Desert Storm, Afghanistan OEF, Iraq OIF, and War on Terror.

**John Butler:** N.A.

**Matt Elkins:** Matt was curious if we have increased security around transformers given recent news that someone shot into an electrical substation. Kevin Gertig confirmed that we have physical security that makes rounds at the sub stations and that there are some opportunities to increase security, but we will continue to enhance security procedures.

**Randy Williams:** None.

**James Laferriere:** N.A.

**Council reports**

**Steve Olson:** Councilor Olson mentioned that we approved changes to the code that addresses supply issues (ex. Transformers) in Council on Tuesday. There was no public comment during the meeting on that topic. Also, capital expansion fees are being reviewed.

**Jon Mallo:** N.A.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Item 8.1: Director's Report**

- Adam Bromley started his position as the Electric Utility Division Manager on Monday, January 9th. Adam previously served as the Director of Electrical Engineering – Operations & Technology for Fort Collins Utilities. During his tenure at Fort Collins, Adam worked as the Interim Deputy Director for Light and Power, Senior Manager, and Senior Electrical Engineer. Prior to that, Adam was at City of Loveland as an Electrical Engineer. Adam's early career started at PacifiCorp as an Engineer in Field Distribution. Adam is an electric utility leader with over seventeen years in the industry. His experience spans operations and technology for distribution, generation, and renewables. Adam is a licensed PE and has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Wyoming.
- All board and commission members are invited to a 'Super Issue Meeting' with City Council regarding Redistricting. The meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Melanie has sent out a meeting invitation to all Commissioners.
- The financial close for December will not be completed until late January, so there are no financials for the January meeting. Financial updates will continue in February.
- Jim Lees took an opportunity to introduce Aaron Rodriguez to the Commission. Aaron will be replacing John Beckstrom as the Financial Utility Analyst.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

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



