

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, March 19th, 2024  
Date

Regular Meeting

Jay Lutz  
President

**Members Present:**

Jay Lutz, President  
Steve Greenman, Commissioner  
Tyler Hulsebus, Commissioner  
Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Mark Nibaur, General Manager  
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director  
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director  
Marc Oleson, IT Director  
Kory Robinson, Finance & Customer Care Director

**Members Absent:**

Kristin Johnson, Commissioner

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Vice President Jay Lutz called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 20th, 2024 and the Work Session minutes of February 21st, 2024. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented proposed adjustments to AU's Economic Development Incentives. The change to the program would increase from 65% of jobs must be at 125% poverty rate to 75% of jobs must be at 140% of poverty rate. The City of Austin has made a similar adjustment to their incentives. Commissioners asked about any other possible changes and consensus was to reexamine if another business shows interest. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the Economic Development Incentives as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, provided an update on options for AU's Power Supply Plan with SMMPA and reviewed the agenda for the Work Session on Mar 25th that will include representatives from SMMPA. Commissioner Lutz inquired about a previous Purchase Power Agreement between AU, Hormel and SMMPA. Staff will check on whether or not it could be relevant to any future Power Supply Plan. After a brief discussion Commissioners asked to adjust the agenda slightly to address SMMPA's future business model earlier in the Work Session.

Marc Oleson, IT Director, provided a project update on cyber security efforts at AU. In the last year AU completed several initiatives including updated software, inventory lists, two-factor authentication, administrator permissions, changes to servers and new cyber security tools. Ongoing and future planned initiatives were also reviewed.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, also updated the Board on the following:

- SMMPA meeting minutes
- Safety committee minutes
- New financial reports in Appendixes
- Audit presentation in April
- IIJA grant due in April
- Interviewing candidates for Engineer position

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16th, 2024. A Work Session on SMMPA & AU's Power Supply will be held March 25th at 7:30 am.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 5:21 pm.

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President

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Secretary