

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE UTILITY  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS  
HELD ON MARCH 30, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Neff.

Commissioner Neff held Roll Call and those present: Jody Wiggins, Bernadette Keck, David Neff, Alyssa Weyl, and Herbie Galicia.


City representatives present included: Christina Petriches, Acting City Administrator, Steve Gorszczyk Public Works Director, Phil Stokes Electric Director.

The Commissioner Neff lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission approved the minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting.

- I. GRDA representatives Dan Sullivan and Jerry Cook were present. Dan Sullivan walked the commission through a PowerPoint explaining what they do for electricity generation and environmental stewardship as a quasi-governmental entity in Oklahoma. The billing of power cost adjustments and demand were explained. Questions were asked related to green energy production and the newest technologies as well as questions regarding licensing issues and potential grants for the Mid-America project. Commissioner Neff thanked the representatives and discussed a possible tour of GRDA facilities.
- II. Phil Stokes discussed the purchase of a Kubota Excavator and how these things will be brought to the commission for approval in the future. He then discussed the new AMI portal for customers that is being planned and that it has a cost that will need to be offset somehow. Questions arose around the selling advertising if its on an App.
- III. Steve discussed the bid opening for the North Water Tower painting project and that the cost of \$482,740 for the low bid includes sandblasting, a curtain and 3 coats of paint. Questions from the commissioners related to the cost and process were discussed.
- IV. Commissioner Neff made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wiggins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

APPROVED:

  
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David Neff, Chair

4-28-23  
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