

McMinnville Water & Light
Special Commission Meeting
October 12, 2017

The McMinnville Water and Light Commission met in Special Session at McMinnville Water and Light's Commission Room at 7:30 a.m. Those present were: Mayor Scott Hill; Commissioners Mike Keyes, Patrick Fuchs, Tom Tankersley; General Manager Kem Carr, MW&L Attorney Sam Justice, Clerk Mary Ann Nolan, and Nicole Montesano of the News-Register.

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order.

Clerk Nolan took roll call. Commissioner Gormley was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Hill read the agenda items for the meeting, and at 7:32 a.m. called for Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) and (7) employment of chief executive officer. The press was advised not to report on subject matter of Executive Session. MW&L Attorney Justice advised that the Commission would return to open session after the Executive Session.

Mayor Hill reconvened the special meeting at 8:06 a.m.

Commissioner Tankersley thanked the subcommittee for their work and stated that it was very helpful to have two qualified people to consider for the General Manager position. He stated that based on the application materials, and the references, and the interviews, that he felt John (Dietz) was the best candidate. The Commissioners expressed agreement with Commissioner Tankersley. Commissioner Tankersley made a motion to offer the General Manager position to John Dietz, subject to negotiation of an agreement, and that the Commission would make the final decision on that agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuchs and passed by a unanimous vote. Commissioner Tankersley made a motion to appoint a subcommittee of two commissioners, with one being the Mayor, to talk to John Dietz and work with MW&L Attorney Justice to negotiate and bring an agreement back to the Commission at the next meeting. Commissioner Keyes suggested that the motion specify that the other person on the subcommittee will be Commission Chairman Tankersley. Commission Chairman Tankersley agreed. Commissioner Fuchs seconded the more specific motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Hill stated that the next agenda item was consideration of continuing employment of the existing General Manager. MW&L Attorney Justice referred to a letter dated October 12, 2017 from General Manager Carr to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the letter. Mr. Justice explained that the letter-agreement would extend General Manager Carr's employment to help with the General Manager transition, at Mr. Carr's reasonable discretion, to no later than November 30, 2017. It was moved by Commissioner Tankersley, seconded by Commissioner Fuchs, and passed by a unanimous vote to accept the employment agreement extension letter and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Commission.

The Commission had a discussion regarding the hiring process they had just completed and some possible ideas for future hiring processes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

Presided by:

Mary Ann Nolan, Clerk

Mayor & Ex-Officio Member of the
Water and Light Commission