



Danville Utility Commission

4:00 p.m. May 13, 2013 Meeting
Council Conference Room, City Hall

Minutes

Commission Members Present: Joe King, Bob Schasse, Fred Shanks, Jim Turpin and Bob Vaughan

Commission Members Absent: Steve Daniels, Jeff Liverman and Philip Smith

Staff Present: Michael Adkins, Ken Ashworth, Barry Dunkley, Barbara Dameron, Carolyn Evans, Jason Grey, Arnold Hendrix, Jennifer Holley, Ken Larking, Nate Lewis, Amanda Paez, Earl Reynolds, Alan Spencer, and Allen Wiles

Others Present: Nexant Consulting Staff: Subu Balan and Jim Herndon

Call to Order & Announcements

Chairman Vaughan opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Discussion / Business Items

Minutes of April 22, 2013 Commission Meeting: Chairman Vaughan asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of April 22, 2013. There were none.

Mr. Turpin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Schasse seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements: Michael Adkins reviewed the March 2013 financial statements.

Update on Danville's Weatherization Programs: Nate Lewis spoke on the Home\$ave and Custom\$ave programs.

With the Home\$ave program in its second year, Lewis said it has become very popular with 643 rebates sent out this year and a conservative estimated savings of 860,000 kW hours of electricity. That number is well ahead of last year's totals, said Lewis.

The Home\$ave program offers rebates for energy efficient clothes washers, refrigerators, air conditioners, heat pumps, water heaters, attic insulation and HVAC tune ups.

Lewis said this year the program added rebates for window air conditioners and an option to apply online.

According to Lewis, customers have requested energy star window rebates and Danville Utilities will offer that rebate in the future.

Mr. Schasse asked if dehumidifiers should be covered under the program. Lewis said he would check to see if it would be a cost efficient option.

Lewis also spoke on the Custom\$ave program for commercial customers saying that energy efficient lighting rebates have been popular. Lewis also said that Danville Utilities is partnering with Energy Star for energy treasure hunts which involve getting teams together and searching for low cost ways to save energy dollars within manufacturing plants in the area.

Amanda Paez from the City Manager's Office then presented information on Danville's Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program (WIPP) which is funded in part by a grant from the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). The program allows for the weatherization of low-income rental units within the City of Danville.

Paez said that what makes this program unique is its focus on helping low-income renters save energy and money on their utility bills through energy efficiency improvements on rental property.

The program allows the property owner to spend up to \$6500 each rental unit and receive 50% of the cost in a grant from the DOE. In addition, the City of Danville is making available a loan for the owner's share of the expense.

Paez said that priority is given to renters who are elderly, disabled and those with children.

To date there have been 79 applications of which 32 have received their initial energy audits and 10 improvements have been completed.

Earl Reynolds then spoke on the low income homeowner weatherization programs which the Community Development Department administers through the Federal Home Loan Bank Atlanta. Reynolds explained that FHLBank Atlanta's energy efficiency and weatherization product provides up to \$15,000 per household for improvements that can

reduce homeowners' energy costs. Plans may include new exterior doors, heating and air systems, insulation, windows and low-flow plumbing fixtures.

Reynolds said that to date 12 projects have been completed totaling \$136,000. There are currently 10 projects in administrative review and 145 on a waiting list.

Communications from City Manager

Joe King said that Danville can be proud that they are making use of grants to help the community. King added that often residents pay high utility bills because their homes have inefficient weatherization and the energy efficiency programs should help.

Communications from Utility Staff

Staff gave updates on current projects.

Communications from the Commissioners

There were none.

Director's Report

There was none.

Adjournment

Chairman Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2013. There being no further business Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Patti OKeefe
Secretary to the DUC

June 24, 2013

Date Approved

Chairman
Danville Utility Commission