

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

July 14th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Dave Hamalainen, Chris Erickson, Becky Squibbs, and Kris Wilson. Commissioner Curt Wercinski was absent. Attending was Town Board Supervisor Mike Erjavec.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of June 9th, 2026 made by Commissioner Ed Vest and supported by Chairman Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS- N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report – June reports were reviewed. Deputy Clerk Kris Wilson will begin calling customers who are more than \$200 past due.

June Water/Wastewater Report – Chairman Vest noted the PUC truck received a new battery and questioned lift station M. Everything appears to be in good condition.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Sump Pump Letter**- Quarterly letters were sent out in July 2026.
- b. **Generators for Lift Stations** – Commissioner Squibbs questioned the continued delay in receiving a bid and suggested beginning a second bid process, noting this item has been on the agenda since February. Discussion included asking Commissioner Curt Wercinski whether his company provides this service, and contacting Mt. Iron, Hermantown, or Gilbert for on who they use. Clerk Latavaaho will be consulted on how to move forward.
- c. **Delinquent Gilbert Resident** – A letter was sent to the customer. Gilbert will take over the account effective September 1st, 2026. Clerk Latavaaho will work on obtaining the funds from Gilbert.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Vest reported that the City of Eveleth is exploring new housing development options and is considering taking water out to St. Mary's Lake as part of those plans.

TREASURER'S REPORT – June financials reviewed.

Commissioner Erickson reported: The PUC fund will begin charging the street lights, which currently has a balance of \$4,000. Sewer billing from Gilbert is now correct. Revenues: \$61,000 Expenditures: \$60,000 Everything appears in order. Cash balance as of June 30th is \$299,000. Commissioner Erickson emailed Clerk Latavaaho regarding transferring an amount into the 4M Fund, which earns over 4% interest. Chairman Vest asked whether funds would go to the Fire Department? Commissioner Erickson clarified that funds can be moved back and forth between accounts if needed. Water Company financials' Revenues: \$7,500 Expenditures: \$7,100.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented, made by Chairman Vest and supported by Commissioner Squibbs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Chairman Vest and supported by Commissioner Erickson Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kris Wilson

Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
Fayal PUC/Billing Coordinator

Approved 