



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Council Session

## Item G6

**#2011-113 - Approving Assistant Utilities Director Travis Burdett as Alternate Board Member for the Public Power Generating Agency (PPGA)**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
**Meeting:** May 10, 2011  
**Subject:** Public Power Generating Agency; Board of Directors  
**Item #'s:** G-6  
**Presenter(s):** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## **Background**

At the Council meeting of October 11, 2005, then-Assistant Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger and Utilities Director Gary Mader were appointed to the Board of Directors of the Public Power Generating Agency, as the City of Grand Island's Board Representative and Alternate Board Representative, respectively. The PPGA Board of Directors is the governing body created as an Inter-local Agreement between the City of Grand Island, Hastings Utilities, Nebraska City Utilities, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, and Heartland Consumers Power District for the Whelan Energy Center Unit 2 project that recently was completed in Hastings, Nebraska. As Gary Mader retired on April 22, 2011, it is necessary to appoint a new alternate board member in order to ensure that the Board has sufficient attendance to conduct business at all times. The Department recommends the appointment of Travis Burdett as this alternate board member to replace Mr. Mader. Mr. Burdett is the Assistant Utilities Director in charge of electric transmission and power supply for the Department and is active in the City's participation in Omaha Public Power District's Nebraska City Unit 2.

## **Discussion**

In the event that a Board member is unable to attend a business meeting, the appointed alternate would be authorized to act on behalf of the participating utility.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve

2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that Assistant Utilities Director Travis Burdett be designated as the PPGA City of Grand Island Alternate Board Member.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to appoint Travis Burdett as the City of Grand Island alternate representative to the Public Power Generating Agency Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION 2011-113

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is a project participant in the Whelan Energy Unit No. 2 Power Plant constructed in Hastings, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Public Power Generating Agency is the governing body of the power plant project; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2005, by Resolution 2005-297, the City Council of the City of Grand Island designated Gary Mader to be the City's representative on the Board of Directors of the Public Power Generating Agency of the Whelan Energy Center Unit No. 2 Power Plant Project and Timothy Luchsinger as an alternate; and

WHEREAS, Gary Mader has retired from service, in order to ensure that the Board has sufficient attendance to conduct business at all times, it is requesting that an Alternate Board Representative be appointed by each of the participating utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Timothy Luchsinger continue as the City's Board Representative and Assistant Utilities Director Travis Burdett be designated as the Alternate Board Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Assistant Utilities Director Travis Burdett is hereby designated as the City of Grand Island's alternate representative on the Board of Directors of the Public Power Generating Agency Board of Directors.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 10, 2011

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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Shannon Oster, Assistant to the City Administrator

Approved as to Form    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
May 5, 2011            ☐ City Attorney