

## SUBJECT

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 16-1772**

Pertaining to settlement of a vehicle accident claim by Xcel Energy Company.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff and the Office of Risk Management are recommending that the amount \$10,077.87 be paid to Xcel Energy as final settlement of a property damage claim resulting from a February 4, 2016 motor vehicle accident involving a SPRWS pickup truck.

See attached Summary and resolution.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.

## **Summary of February 4, 2016 Vehicle Accident and Claim**

On February 4, 2016, Saint Paul Regional Water Services pickup truck No. 672 was involved in an accident on Highway 52 Lafayette Bridge. The SPRWS vehicle was driving northbound in the center lane when vehicles ahead of it slowed and stopped due to heavy traffic. SPRWS vehicle driver planned to change lanes and was looking to the right, checking his blind-spot. When he looked forward again, he was unable to fully stop before rear-ending an Xcel 2011 Ford Econoline van. The Econoline van was pushed forward and struck a 2012 Ford pickup truck stopped in front of it. SPRWS anticipates that an additional property damage claim may be brought by the driver of the 2012 Ford pickup truck. The police report of the incident suggests there were no apparent injuries to any of the three drivers involved and there were no passengers.

While the speed of the SPRWS vehicle at impact was relatively low, the claimant's vehicle was impacted at both the front and the rear, resulting in damage to the rear bumper, rear doors and front bumper.

At this time, Sandra Bodensteiner of Saint Paul Risk Management recommends the amount of \$10,077.87 be paid to Xcel Energy as final settlement of all property damage claims related to this incident.

SPRWS Accident Review Board determined that this accident was preventable. The SPRWS employee driving the pick-up truck received disciplinary action in the form of a 3-day suspension. In addition, the driver was required to attend defensive driving training.