

**H Block Island Utility District
October 10, 2020
11:00 AM**

HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 AND TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM
EMERGENCY ORDER

Minutes

Participating BOD Members Present via ZOOM: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, Elliot Taubman and Mary Jane Balsler.

Absent: Treasurer Bill Penn

Also Present: President Jeffery Wright, David Lewis, Tony Pappas, Chris Warfel and a representative from the BI Times.

Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

1. Public Input

- There was no public input.

2. Commissioner's Report

- Chair Barbara MacMullan did not present a report.

3. Approve Minutes from the August 22, 2020 Annual Meeting

- Elliot Taubman moved to approve the meeting minutes from the August 22, 2020 Annual Meeting with one minor typo to be corrected. Mary Jane seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

- President Jeffery Wright informed those present that Bill Penn could not be at this meeting due to his wife's illness.
- Jeffery Wright reported that Bill Penn had reviewed the August and September disbursements and had found all in accordance with BIUD's financial policies and procedures.
- Jeffery Wright also presented the financials ending July 31, 2020 and August 30, 2020 and answered several questions. The highlights focused on stronger than anticipated sales and an equity ratio of approximately 16%.
- Chair Barbara MacMullan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mary Jane seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. President's Report

- President Jeffery Wright reported that the analysis of the Standard Offer and Transmission collections was still ongoing and he'd have something to review for the next meeting. He reported that he and David Bebyn had had preliminary discussions with John Bell from the DPUC.
- He reported that the ISO-NE was considering rules changes regarding behind-the-meter generation and the load calculations used to determine capacity and transmission charges.

Although the rules are being debated now and will most likely result in litigation at FERC there is enough uncertainty that he is putting a hold on the diesel engines peak shaving initiatives.

- He reported on the efficiency plan schedule.
- He reported on a pending cell tower upgrade that may be necessary to ensure compliance with the latest loading standards. He reported that a tower survey has been scheduled which will then provide an accurate baseline for the upgrades necessary.
- He reported that they still had not scheduled a meeting with DEM to discuss the soil mitigation but were hoping to meet soon.

6. Review and Discuss Chris Warfel Correspondence

- Jeffery Wright explained that he had received (included in the BOD packet) correspondence from Chris Warfel regarding a variety of topics and asked Mr. Warfel to explain the various materials he had provided and further asked him to clarify his request of BIUD and the Board of Commissioners.
- Mr. Warfel first thanked BIUD for providing the information he received.
- Mr. Warfel further explained that he thought the BIUD policies pertaining to renewable energy were flawed and lacked forward thinking in terms of advancing customer owned generation. He further explained that he encouraged the BIUD to hire consultants to perform a load management study and to investigate sub-metering of customer loads to maximize the benefits of the BIUD DSM program.
- The BIUD Board of Commissioners thanked Mr. Warfel for his input and explained that they would further consider his suggestions.

Chair Barbara MacMullan moved to enter closed session to discuss agenda items 7, 8 and 9. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balsler and was passed unanimously.

7) Employee Housing - pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (7) which is "A matter related to the question of the investment of public funds, which includes any investment plan or matter related thereto, where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest."

8) Cabot/Turners Falls PPA - pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (7) which is "A matter related to the question of the investment of public funds, which includes any investment plan or matter related thereto, where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest."

9) Litigation pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(2) (Litigation: Howell Conant v. Block Island Power Company)

The BOD came out of executive session at 12:35 PM and announced it had authorized President Jeffery Wright to execute the Cabot/Turner's Falls PPA.

Everett Shorey moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 PM, seconded by Mary Jane Balsler. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED: 11/21/2020

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