

Block Island Utility District
Regular Meeting of Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, June 23, 2022 @ 4:00 PM

In attendance: Barbara MacMullan, Mary Jane Balsler, John Warfel, Tom Risom and Elliot Taubman.

Also Present: President Jeffery Wright, Tracy Fredericks, employees Tom Durden and Evan Carey, BIUD Contract Greg Horne, Entech Representative Chris Warfel and member David Lewis.

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

1. Public Input

There was no public input.

2. Correspondence from Entech Engineering re: Wright and MacMullan Conduct on Net Metering, and the Tupy Interconnection

Chris Warfel spoke in detail for more than an hour about his objections to the new net metering tariff, his frustrations with the process in which the new tariff was developed, and voiced all of the challenges he has with installing the second meter for the solar. He also expressed his disappointment that BIUD had not hired experts to help develop the tariff. President Jeffery Wright reiterated the public process in which the tariff was developed and explained that had hired LaCapra and Associates to develop the avoided cost calculation and solar credit. He also described the annual adjustment that will take place each year with the power supply and transmission reconciliation.

Mr. Wright further explained that he felt that the constant emails to the BOD and himself had crossed the line and were harassing. He asked Mr. Warfel to stop emailing him personally and explained that he had questions regarding his personal account, net metering installation or complaints that he could call the office, e-mail Tracy, communicate via US Mail or attend BOD meetings to offer "public input." Board Chair Barbara MacMullan committed to hosting a site visit to Joseph Lipscomb's residence to review a typical net metering interconnection.

3. Commissioner's Report

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan had nothing to report.

4. Approve Minutes from April 20, 2022, April 28, 2022, and May 16, 2022, Board Meetings

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan commented that the minutes had many revisions and edits required and asked Mr. Wright to include an improved draft in the next BOD packet. No action was taken subsequently.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Tom Risom reported that he had reviewed the April and May payroll, disbursements and credit card statements and that all was in order.

6. President's Report

President Jeffery Wright reported that the NE Coop Association annual meeting and spring conference were a success with 76 attendees. He briefly described the presentations which included VEC's home storage project, NH Electric Coop's work with EV time of use rates. He presented an update on the EV school bus and its arrival in mid to late July. He also reported on the CFC Forum. He reported that the GA had approved

the BIUD legislation allowing BIUD Commissioner reimbursement of actual expenses for outside training and meetings. He finished by soliciting feedback regarding the August 27th BIUD Annual Meeting.

7. Review and Act Upon NRECA Commitment to Zero Contacts – BIUD Board Resolution

President Jeffery Wright reviewed a recent incident in which a line was faulted by Three Phase employee that resulted in an outage on the Old Harbor Circuit. He further explained the NRECA program, “Commitment to Zero Contacts.” Contractor Greg Horne and employees Evan Carey and Tom Durden spoke about the company’s safety culture and in support of signing up with the program. Board Chair Barbara MacMullan moved to adopt the resolution (on file). Tom Risom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary John Warfel signed and stamped the resolution.

8. Review and Act Upon Gravel Pit III PPA

President Jeffery Wright explained that DE Shaw had canceled the two PPS recently signed by BIUD. He further explained that although the RI PPA (Gravel Pit I) was not open for renegotiation, DE Shaw was making an offer to replace Gravel Pit II with Gravel Pit III. The terms and pricing are on record in the BOD packet. Mr. Wright recommend to the BOD that BIUD accept the terms of the Gravel Pit III PPA.

John Warfel moved to authorize President Jeffery Wright to execute the Gravel Pit III PPA. Mary Jane Balsler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Review and Act Upon Power Supply Procurement

President Jeffery Wright discussed the recent increase in recent ISO-NE LMP prices and the threat of further rising prices in the New England energy markets. He then presented ENE’s recommendation on procuring energy to increase BIUD’s position closer to 100% hedged (to reduce market risk) through the expiration of the current load following contract and then beyond for a period of up to three years. Mr. Wright asked for BOD approval to procure additional energy to bring the current contract closer to 100% hedged through 4/30/23 (at a price not to exceed \$84.28/MWH) and also for a new load following contract of up to three years (price not to exceed \$80/MWH). He explained that ENE was recommending we act expeditiously.

John Warfel made a motion to authorize Mr. Wright to procure energy as he requested. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balsler and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara MacMullan. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balsler and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

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