

**Block Island Utility District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
NRUCFC Strategic Planning Session**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022
and
Thursday, October 13, 2022**

Board Members: Barbara MacMullan, Maryjane Balsler, Tom Risom, John Warfel and Elliot Taubman
BIUD Employees Present: President Jeff Wright, Tracy Fredericks, Tom Durden, Evan Carey, Jim Stockman, Dick Martin, and Tom Brown.

NRUCFC Facilitators Present: Jim Meiers, Lindey LaChance and Ryan Thomas.

Board Chair, Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

1. Strategic Planning Session – Facilitated by NRUCFC

The meeting was opened as a special session attended by all BIUD members, and employees and facilitated by NRUCFC staff. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a strategic planning session to help BIUD develop a strategic plan.

On the morning of day one, there were presentations given by the NRUCFC facilitators that focused on industry trends. Subsequent discussions were had regarding how these trends affected BIUD and its members and how BIUD may respond. A SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities) analysis was conducted by the entire group, and discussions were had on what these meant for BIUD's current plans and how these trends affected our future short and long-term goals.

During the afternoon session, robust discussions were facilitated by the NRUCFC facilitators which focused on the results of the morning's work. At the end of the afternoon, everyone present reflected on the takeaways from the day's work.

The meeting was recessed at approximately 4:45 PM on the end of the first day, October 12, 2022.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 AM on the morning of October 13, 2022.

The second day's focus was on reviewing the prior day's work and Lindey LaChance spent the remainder of the morning facilitating a strategy session in which everyone participated in. The results of the day-and-a-half session are attached to these minutes.

Barbara MacMullan made a motion to adjourn the special meeting on October 13, 2022, at 12:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balsler. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned and everyone broke for lunch.

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