

Block Island Utility District
October 26, 2021
3:30 PM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT THE BIUD PLANT

Minutes

Participating BOD Members Present Barbara MacMullan, Tom Risom, John Warfel, Mary Jane Balser and Elliot Taubman.

Also Present: President, Jeffery Wright, Office Manager, Tracy Fredericks, Will Young, Chris Warfel, Tony Pappas and Rene Meyer from the Block Island Times.

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

1. Public Input

- Chris Warfel asked that correspondence be added to the agenda.

2. Commissioner's Report

- Chair Barbara MacMullan had nothing to report.

3. Introduction of New Slate of Commissioners and Election of Officers Election of Officers

- Board Chair Barbara MacMullan welcomed new commissioners John Warfel and Tom Risom.
- Vice Chair MaryJane Balser made a motion to nominate Barbara MacMullan for another term as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Eliot Taubman.
- Chair Barbara MacMullan made a motion to elect Mary Jane Balser as vice chair. The motion was seconded by John Warfel.
- Mary Jane Balser made a motion to nominate Tom Risom as Treasurer, the motion was seconded by Barbara MacMullan.
- Barbara MacMullan made a motion to nominate John Warfel as secretary, the motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser.
- All motions were passed unanimously.

4. Appoint Rhode Island NRECA Director

- Barbara MacMullan made a motion to nominate Jeffrey Wright, to remain the NRECA Director. The motion was seconded by Eliot Taubman. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and Act Upon Proposed 2022 Meeting Calendar

- Chair Barbara MacMullan asked for suggestions on the best day to meet, offering that Saturdays didn't seem to work.
- It was decided that meetings will be the 4th Thursday of the month, with the November and December meetings be held the week prior to the holidays. The annual meeting date will be the 4th

Saturday of August and will be voted on at the next meeting. Jeff Wright will modify the 2022 schedule for consideration in the November meeting.

6. Review and Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 26 – July 28 – August 28, 2021

- A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular June 26, and July 28th, 2021, meetings was made by Barbara MacMullan, seconded by Tom Risom. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jeffrey Wright noted that the August 28, 2021, regular meeting minutes were not yet completed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

7. Receive and Act Upon Financial Report

- Jeffrey Wright provided the balance sheet and financial statements (on record).
- Jeffrey Wright noted the cash is different from last year since we no longer have the line of credit.
- The typo of \$50,000 will be fixed before being posted to the website.
- A clarification of profit was made, they are cash reserves.
- A motion to approve the financial report was made by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Eliot Taubman, motion passed unanimously.

8. Receive and Act Upon President's Report

- President Jeffrey Wright presented his update – on record.
 - a. Net Metering Application Process
A brief discussion was had to work on a process for all net metering applications.
 - b. Net Metering Tariff Approval Update
The tariff was filed on Monday October, 25th.
 - c. Home Battery Storage Program Opportunity
Chris Kieny, from Vermont Electric COOP will present his program at a future meeting,
 - d. TNS School Electric School Bus Project
The bus will be delivered in April 2022. The location to store the bus at the school is ongoing. BIUD will run the project for the first year.
 - e. A discussion has had regarding future Electric Car Charger Program/EV Charging Tariff
 - f. An update was provided on the National Grid Cable Work
 - g. Jeff will present the BIUD Strategic Initiatives (Presented in November)
- Barbara MacMullan moved to approve the President's report, motion was seconded by John Warfel and was passed unanimously.

9. Receive and Act Upon Member Will Young's Offer to Donate Level 3 Charger to BIUD

- Will Young has offered to donate a level 3 car charger to BIUD. A subsequent discussion was had regarding the regulatory hurdles that exist with BIUD owning the charger. Tony Pappas who represents the BI Solar Initiative suggested that his group might be open to owning it as they are a non-profit. Jeff Wright will meet with the group in the upcoming week to discuss possible ownership options.

10. Voltage Conversion Project Review (Will Seek Approval for \$1.5M CFC Loan in November)

- Jeff reported that the CFC documents were not ready yet and would ask for approval in the November meeting.
- Jeff presented the project budget and scope and informed the BOD that he had gotten production slots secured for the long lead items; reclosers and step transformers.

11. Review and Act Upon Broadleaf Solar PPA Proposal

- Jeffery Wright presented the Broadleaf Solar PPA for consideration (on file).
- A motion was made to authorize President Jeffery Wright to execute the Broadleaf Solar PPA as presented by Mary Jane Balsler and seconded by Tom Risom, motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara MacMullan moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 pm, seconded by Mary Jane Balsler. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Approved: November 20, 2021

Posted: December 15, 2021