

**Block Island Utility District
Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Held on September 19, 2022 @ 4:30 PM

BIUD Power Plant

Participating BOD Members Present: Barbara MacMullan, MaryJane Balsler, Tom Risom, AND John Warfel.

Also Present: President Jeffery Wright, Tracy Fredericks, Cindy Davis, Rene Meyer, Chris Warfel, David Lewis, Tom Durden, Evan Carey, Keith Stover

BIUD Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 4:40pm

1. Review and Act Upon BIUD's response to recent social media claims and comments that are false and defaming toward board members and management.
 - President Jeffery Wright explained to those present that Entech Engineering had recently created a Face Book forum named the Block Islands Power Owners Forum that contained several untrue, slanderous and hurtful claims.
 - Jeffery Wright read a prepared statement that is included in these minutes for the record.
 - MaryJane Balsler then responded to the accusations directed at her - stating that she was never relieved from her town duties, that she had no interest in the bank in question and further stated thought that she thought the Facebook post was despicable.
 - Barbara MacMullan then stated that she cannot discuss any relationships that the bank has with any customers and would not comment.
 - Chris Warfel then offered his apologizes to anyone he offended with his online posting. Chris stated that he has since removed the main post in deference to his brother John, not because he thought what was posted was untrue.
 - Barbara commented to the group, that everyone recognizes Chris's passion for the topic of renewable energy and that BIUD BOD members have always been open to discussions about his concerns. She further explained that although the BIUD BOD had not come to the same

conclusions as Chris, the BIUD BOD always welcomes discussion about policy, but discouraged personal attacks on individual board members.

At approximately 4:40 PM, Tom Risom made a motion to go into closed session for purposes of discussion potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser and the motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 5:10 PM, in closed session, a motion to come out of closed session and seal the minutes was made by Barbara MacMullan. The motion was seconded by MaryJane Balser and was passed unanimously. There was no action taken in closed session.

At 5:10 PM, Board Chair Barbara MacMullan made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser and the motion passed unanimously.

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