

**Block Island Utility District**  
**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Thursday, May 25, 2023 @ 4:00pm**

In attendance: Board of Directors: Board Chair, Barbara MacMullan, Vice-Chair, Mary Jane Balser, Secretary, John Warfel, and Treasurer, Tom Risom.

President Jeffery Wright, Dave Bebyn CPA, Kyle Connor and John Healy from Marcum Auditors were present via speakerphone.

Others Present: Tracy Fredericks, Tom Durden, Evan Carey.

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 4:03

1. **Audit Report**- Marcum auditors Kyle Connor and John Healy gave a presented the 2022 audit (shown in the board packet). Questions were asked regarding miscellaneous income and sales. President Jeffery Wright added that Marcum tested all the revenues against accounts receivable. He also noted that operating expenses only increased slightly and noted that this is surprising considering inflation.

Tom Risom made a motion to approve the audit, the motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser . The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

3. **Commissioners Report**

John Warfel reported that they met with the Island Institute to discuss a recent grant application that BIUD submitted. It is offered only to island communities. We will look at what our energy resilience issues are, sea level rise, what are our energy challenges.

Jeffery Wright then reported that he, Evan Carey and John Warfel traveled to Isle Au Haut to bring their power company some used transformers and described the island's coop details and the island in general. John and Evan also added input, describing the trip as rewarding.

4. **Strategic Plan Update**

Jeffery Wright reported on the YTD progress, referring to the scorecard included in the board packet.

5. **Approve Meeting Minutes**

Tom Risom made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February 23, 2023, and March 23, 2023 meetings, the motion was seconded by Mary Jane, the motion was approved unanimously.

**6. President's Report**

President Jeffery Wright presented his report (on file).

**7. Review of the 2023 BIUD Election Schedule**

A review of the following election schedule was completed.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Mail forms to designate qualified electors to all account holders

July 3 – Qualified elector forms due back to BIUD

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Candidates must declare intent to run by this date

August 26<sup>th</sup> - Candidates introduced at annual meeting

August 30<sup>th</sup>- Mail ballots

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ballots due back to BIUD

October 4<sup>th</sup>- Election Results announced

October 26<sup>th</sup> -Transitions of board seats (last/first meetings)

**8. Litigation Update**

Barbara MacMullan made a motion to go into closed session, a motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser, motion passed unanimously. The meeting went into closed session.

Barbara McMullan made a motion to come out of closed session, the motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara McMullan made a motion to seal the minutes, the motion was seconded by Mary Jane Balser. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara MacMullen then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Risom. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:19.

Approved: June 22, 2023