

Block Island Utility District
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, June 22, 2023 @4:00pm

In attendance: Board of Directors: Barbara MacMullan, Eliot Taubman, John Warfel, Tom Risom.

Jeffery Wright, Tracy Fredericks, Tom Durden, Tony Pappas, David Lewis

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm

1. **Public Input** - John Warfel said that he would like us to investigate more EV charging as more people will be asking for this service. This may be adding a level 2 chargers somewhere around the island and/or offer them to private residences. Barbara suggested we encourage businesses to install them.
2. **Commissioner's Report** - Barbara MacMullan reported that John Warfel, Tom Durden, Jeff Wright and herself had an enlightening trip to Fisher's Island. Jeff added that this was an outreach to other Island communities, it is good to build these relationships and plans on reaching out to other communities.
3. **Strategic Plan Update-Jeff reported:**
Update on the strategic plan on file.
4. **Approve Meeting Minutes from the May 25, 2023, Regular Meeting**
Tom Risom made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 25, 2023, meeting the motion was seconded by John Warfel and the motion was approved. Eliot Taubman abstained.
5. **Treasurer's Report** - Tom Risom reported the balance sheet is on the website. Second quarter accounts payable is higher than expected. We are paying down the line of credit. He and Jeff will be working on this in the next few weeks.
6. **President's Report** – President Jeffery Wright reported he had a meeting with the electric school bus company; they will do a test discharge next week. Jeff will have them discharge the bus, and then we will slowly charge it overnight, which is better for the battery. If done correctly we could save between 10-15k if we hit all the peaks.

The Utility District will have a trailer with a tribute to Don in the 4th of July Parade. We will also have the school bus, and the electric bucket truck in the parade with banners explaining where the money came from.

The power supply sub-committee will be meeting tomorrow at 3 PM. Craig will be available to tell us what it would cost if we went 100% renewable and of any options. The Solar Initiative has approved some funding for us to go 100% renewable. Details will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow.

Jeff reported he was attending the NRECA Region 1 meeting in Richmond, VA. Jeff encouraged two commissioners to register. Eliot and John are considering joining Jeff.

BIUD Annual meeting is Saturday, August 26th at 4 PM. We will have a similar setup as last year. Chris Christianson is the main speaker. He is a former NRECA board president.

7. Review of the 2023BIUD Election Schedule

June 1- Mail forms to designate qualified electors to all account holders

July 3-Qualified elector forms due back to BIUD

July 26-Candidates must declare intent to run by this date

August 26-Candidate introduction at the annual meeting.

August 30-Mail ballots

October 2-Ballots due back to BIUD

October 4-Election results announced

October 26- Transition of board seats (last/first meetings)

8. Review and Act upon the NRECA Member Satisfaction Survey

Jeff reported that NRECA does member satisfaction surveys for other organizations. Jeff said he had done one of these surveys every year at his former job.

Jeff asked that everyone look over the questions and make suggestions.

Jeff added that the survey will be provided online. There was concern that a subset of the population will be left out. We may entertain a paper survey if they ask for one.

A lengthy conversation was had pertaining to the questions.

Barbara MacMullan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Tom, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.