

BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT



Over the Memorial Day weekend, our resident osprey hatched her three eggs. All three chicks are doing well and staying warm under the mother osprey. We believe this is the fifteenth year we have hosted ospreys on the power company platform. We currently support a dozen platforms that we have installed in recent years. The good news is that they have stopped trying to build nests on power lines, which is an industry-wide challenge.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MAY 28, 2026

4:00 PM

SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

VOLUNTARY
OPEN
MEMBERSHIP

DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL

COOPERATION
AMONG COOPERATIVES

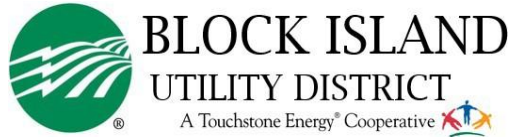
AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

MEMBER
ECONOMIC
PARTICIPATION

CONCERN
FOR THE
COMMUNITY

EDUCATION
TRAINING AND
INFORMATION





**Meeting of the Board of Utility Commissioners
Thursday, May 28, 2026 @ 4:00 PM**

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE TNS TOWN HALL

1. Public Input
2. Commissioner's Report
3. Review of 2026 Strategic Plan
4. Treasurer's Report
5. President's Report
6. Employee Housing Update
7. Discussion of Performance Review of President Jeffery Wright *

*Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)1, this agenda item may be discussed in closed session.

Any discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that the person or persons affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held in at an open meeting.

Individuals requesting services for the deaf and hard of hearing must call (401) 466-5851 forty-eight hours before the meeting date.

Posted: Monday, May 25, 2026, at 12:00 PM

Posted on: Secretary of State Website, BIBB, BIUD Facebook Page and Website
www.blockislandpowercompany.com

AGENDA ITEM 1

PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEM 2

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

(THIS PAGE INCLUDED FOR NOTES)

AGENDA ITEM 3
REVIEW 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Block Island Power Company Strategic Plan 2026

Mission Statement

To serve Block Island with safe, reasonably priced and reliable energy.

Safety

Empower and support a workplace culture that promotes the safety of our employees and members.

Financial Balance

Embrace policies that ensure financial stability, reasonable rates and innovative rate making

Member Engagement

Promote understanding of the cooperative model and transparency

Sustainable Workforce

Invest in workforce stability

Capital Planning

Embrace a sustainable and robust planning process for capital projects that focus on priority, funding, and impacts.

Power Supply

Continuously evaluate future power supply opportunities and develop renewable goals.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to serve Block Island in a way that enhances our members' lives.

GOALS/TARGETS

Employee Lost Time Incident Rate Goal 0

Public Incident Rate Goal 0

Comply with Quarterly Safety Training and Monthly Truck/Equipment Inspections

Modified Debt Service > 1.50%

Develop Long Range Financing Plan

Pay LOC off in full annually (and carry \$0 balance for 30 days)

Publish Monthly Newsletter

Develop and Implement Housing/Staffing Plan

Develop checklist of tasks and track annually for cross training.

Hold Quarterly Capital Planning Sub-Committee Meetings

Develop Cap plans – Ops and Plant Facilities, Housing, Electric Infrastructure

Maintain 100% Renewable Portfolio

Procure Additional Long-Term Contracts

MEASURE

ON TRACK
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ON TRACK

1.72%

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STRATEGIES

Conduct Daily Safety Meetings/Field Visits

Host external training (fire/rescue/excavators)

Work collaboratively with BIUD's safety consultant to comply with all required trainings.

Continue to grow Equity:Debt Ratio

Produce Timely Quarterly Financials for Review

Report monthly on LOC balance and review Financial Policy

Implement New Website – Improve Meeting Recordings

Enhance cross-training efforts, recruit future BOD candidates, and develop recruitment strategy for linemen, engine operations and office admin.

Capital Planning Sub-Committee to meet quarterly to discuss future capital improvements which will focus on employee housing.

Review existing projects, facilities, housing and engineering plans.

Investigate external funding opportunities to support project plans.

Continuously evaluate power supply opportunities and tailor BIUD power supply to long-term goals.

Power Supply Sub-Committee to meet quarterly to develop plans.

AGENDA ITEM 4
TREASURER'S REPORT

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE METRICS

Presented by: Tom Risom, Treasurer

One order of business we need to complete is to update our signatory card for the BIUD checking account. The resolution on the following page will approve Jeffery Wright, David Bebyn, Barbara MacMullan, and Tom Risom as signatories on the account.

This month's financial metrics are shown below:

	March 25, 2026	May 27, 2026
Bank Balance	\$67,385.13	\$224,436.39
Days Cash on Hand	4 Days	14 Days
Month to Month Sales Comparison	\$345,838.19	\$278,485.70
Previous Months Total Arrears	\$42,146.67	\$61,586.12
Operating Line of Credit Balance	\$400,000	\$500,000
Emergency Fuel Line of Credit Balance	\$150,000	\$150,000
Equity Ratio	20.0%	20.0%
System Losses	6.72%	7.08%

We have calculated our financial commitment to meeting the RI-Renewable Energy Standard (RES). BIUD's expense associated with meeting the 2025 RI-RES was \$180,726. The additional expense to reach 100% was \$41,208. The BI Solar Initiative has been invoiced this amount, and they have reimbursed us.

Each month Jeff prepares the monthly reports that I review. This collection of reports has been recently edited and now includes the following:

Billing Summary, Current Rates, RIE Deliveries (Meter Reads), BIUD Rooftop Solar Meter Reads, NISC Revenue Summary Report, NISC Arrears Report, NISC Monthly Payment Detail (by day), BIUD Self Use Electric Bills, Fuel Inventory/Tank and Engine Readings, DOE Form 861, Monthly Misc Deposits, Tower/Property Lease Schedule, Check/ACH Run Report and Payroll Summary.

We are up to date with the monthly reviews and are compliant with all financial policies.



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BUSINESS ENTITY AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Block Island Utility District, a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, non-profit corporation, sole proprietorship, lodge/association/other, governmental body or other business entity, is hereinafter referred to as the "Business Entity".

I, Jeffery M. Wright, certify that I am an Agent/Member of the above-named Business Entity organized under the laws of RI, Federal Employer I.D. Number 82-3263092, that the resolutions on this document are a correct copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the governing body of the Business Entity duly and properly called or by written consent. These resolutions have not been rescinded or modified.

AGENTS/MEMBERS

Any Agent/Member listed below is authorized to exercise the powers granted as indicated below:

Name and Title or Position

- A. Jeffery M. Wright
- B. David G. Bebyn
- C. Barbara A. Macmullen
- D. Thomas Risom
- E. _____
- F. _____

POWERS GRANTED

Attach one or more Agent/Member to each power by placing the letter corresponding to their name in the area before each power.

Indicate A, B, C, D, E and/or F **Description of Power**

- _____ 1. Exercise all of the powers listed in this resolution.
- A,B,C,D 2. Open any account(s) in the name of the Business Entity.
- A,B,C,D 3. Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with this Financial Institution.
- _____ 4. Borrow money on behalf and in the name of the Business Entity, sign, execute and deliver promissory notes or other evidence of indebtedness
- _____ 5. Endorse, assign, transfer, mortgage or pledge bills receivable, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, stocks, bonds, real estate or other property now owned or hereafter owned or acquired by the Business Entity as security for sums borrowed, and to discount the same, unconditionally guarantee payment of all bills received, negotiated or discounted and to waive demand, presentment, protest, notice of protest and notice of non-payment.
- _____ 6. Enter into a written lease for the purpose of renting, maintaining, accessing and terminating a Safe Deposit Box in this Financial Institution.
- _____ 7. Other

RESOLUTIONS

1. This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by Washington Trust. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Business Entity and certified to Washington Trust as governing the operation of this Business Entity's accounts(s), are in full force and effect, until Washington Trust receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to Washington Trust, establishing the authority for the changes.
2. This resolution is conclusive evidence of an Agent/Member's authority to act on behalf of the Business Entity. Any Agent/Member, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent/Member of the Business Entity, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated on page one, from time to time with Washington Trust, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.
3. The Business Entity agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent/Member of the Business Entity.

EFFECT OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

If completed, this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions. If not completed, all resolutions remain in effect.

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY

I further certify that the governing board of the Business Entity has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the resolution herein and to confer the powers granted above to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless Washington Trust from any and all liability, including attorney's fees, that Washington Trust may incur by acting upon your instructions.

The Business Entity agrees to inform Washington Trust in writing and provide any requested supporting documentation of any change to the Business Entity's authorized agent/members or any event that could alter this resolution.

Jeffery M. Wright

Agent/Member Signature

Agent/Member Printed Name

Date

AGENDA ITEM 5
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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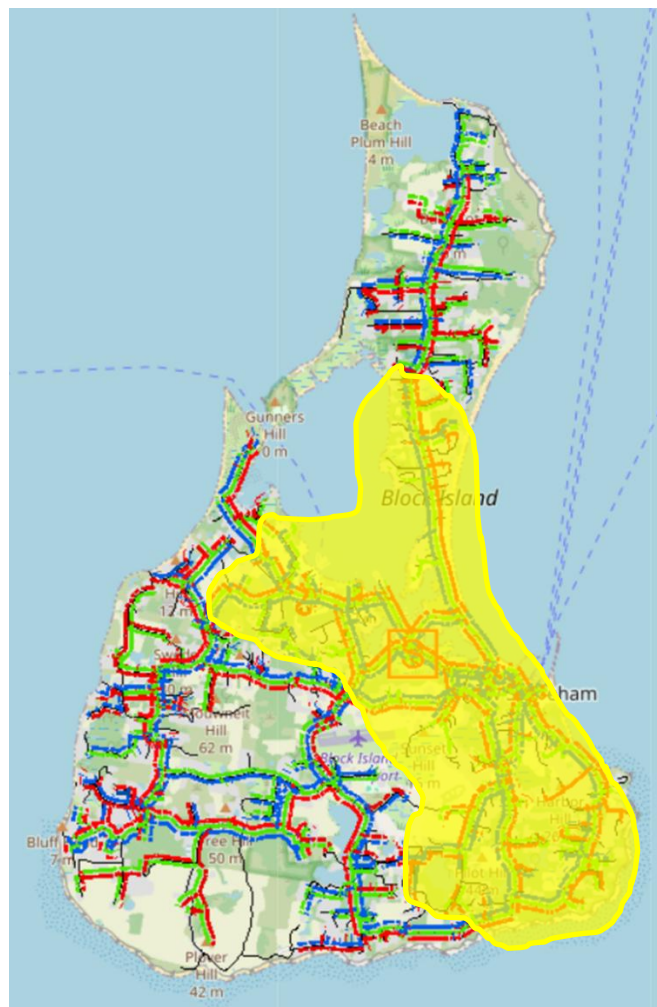
Voltage Conversions have been completed on Payne Road and on West Side Road up to Grace's Cove. The map below is the current state of our project. We plan to complete the section on Mohegan Trail from Pilot Hill to Painted Rock next week. We have implemented new procedures that are working well to avoid mistakes, such as the one we experienced on Payne Road.

We have another \$60,000 +/- left to bill RI-OER for the Non-Wires Alternative Grant, and they have asked us to submit our final invoice so they can close out the grant by June 1, 2026.


To review the project costs again, to date, we have spent \$3,548,322. This was funded by a \$1.5M loan in 2021, an additional \$250K loan in 2025, and a \$250K grant from OER. All other costs have been covered by pay-go capital (cash from existing rates).

To review the project return on investment, again using our 2026 power supply and transmission projected costs, each 1% reduction in system losses currently delivers approximately \$27K in annual savings. This is from lower energy procurement and lower transmission costs. At one point, our system losses were over 16%. Our twelve-month average losses are hovering right at 8%. In addition to improved power quality, safety, and reliability, we are saving our BIUD members \$216,000 annually.


We still have a way to go, but the updated map below shows our current completion status.



The current **RI-Renewable Energy Standard** is being debated as part of a larger initiative submitted by Gov. Dan McKee. We will be following any bills introduced, but the highlights are shown below.

Rhode Island lawmakers are debating budget amendments submitted by Gov. Dan McKee that would scale back the state's Renewable Energy Standard (RES). The proposal aims to push the deadline for a 100% renewable energy supply from 2033 to 2050, as part of a broader push to lower utility bills.  Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. +1

Key Components of the Debate

- **The Governor's Proposal:** Governor McKee proposed rewriting the RES to include zero-emission sources (like nuclear and large-scale hydroelectric power) and delay the 100% renewable mandate to 2050. The Governor's office states the broader \$1 billion energy affordability plan—which also prunes the state's virtual net-metering program—could save ratepayers over a billion dollars over the next five years.
- **Current Law:** Rhode Island's current RES mandates annual target increases with the goal of offsetting 100% of the state's electricity demand with renewable energy by 2033.
- **Advocate and Opposition Pushback:** Environmental groups like the Conservation Law Foundation are lobbying to save the 2033 mandate. Advocates argue that rolling back the RES will lock consumers into expensive, volatile fossil fuels, maintaining that clean energy stabilizes rates and has saved customers money during regional energy spikes.  Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. +4

Currently, the BIUD's power supply plan includes covering the RI-RES costs through its Power Supply rates. The BI Solar Initiative then funds the procurement of Class II Renewable energy certificates necessary to fulfill BIUD's 100% renewable goal. If anything comes of this debate, the Power Supply Committee will make a recommendation on BIUD's future goals. The BI Solar Initiative will also be briefed on any changes as it considers its support for BIUD's 100% renewable goal.

Aside from possibly delaying the goal of 100% statewide, allowing nuclear as a clean energy source in the ISO-NE energy mix is more of a regional push across all New England states. I would like to gauge the Board's opinion of nuclear as it pertains to renewables and how it may fit into our goals if the other states allow it.

We have closed on the **Center Road Employee Housing**, which will be occupied by Tom Brown's family very soon. The first floor of the home is ready for occupancy now, and we will begin minor renovations and repairs in the second-floor apartment soon.

We are drafting leases for all our townhouse/apartment rentals now with help from Mary Shekarchi.

AGENDA ITEM 6
UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HOUSING

AGENDA ITEM 7
DISCUSSION OF PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF
PRESIDENT JEFFERY WRIGHT