BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
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Meeting of the Board of Utility Commissioners
Thursday, March 27, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Directors In attendance: Barbara MacMullan, Ken Lacoste, John Warfel, Mary Jane Balser. Absent: Tom Risom.

Others in attendance: Jeffrey Wright, President, Tracy Fredericks, David Lewis, Dick Martin, Chris Warfel, Carlos Salinas, Keith Lewis, David Lewis, Evan Carey, Dick Martin, Tom Brown, and Tom Durden.

1. Public Input: Board Chair Barbara MacMullan reminded everyone that public input should be limited discussion and for items not otherwise on the agenda. Chris Warfel expressed his concerns with NRECA's stance on the new EPA power plant rule and his opposition to coal plant generation. Keith Lewis expressed his support for BIDU pursuing employee housing for its future employees.

2. Commissioner's Report: Barbara reported that we were going to allow employees to present their learnings from the NREC annual meeting but was going to postpone this to a future meeting due to time constraints.

3. Approve Board Meeting Minutes from the February 27, 2025, meeting. Mary Jane Balser made the motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by John Warfel and approved unanimously.

4. ETIPP Update: Barbara reported that BIUD will be hosting the ETIPP team on May 20th at 4PM to present their results from the ETIPP study. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall and streamed live on the TNS YouTube page.

5. Net Metering Discussion: Barbara opened the discussion on net metering and suggested that all materials from the tariff filing docket were available on-line. She reported that she had reviewed it in detail and felt that the information on-line was through and explained all questions raised by Chris Warfel previously. Chris Warfel stated he would write a response to this and send it to the board. He was disappointed that BIUD did not present any new information.

6. Strategic Plan Update: Jeff reported that he would like two commissioners to meet with a few employees and himself to update the plan for consideration by the full board. Mary Jane Balser and Barbara MacMullan volunteered to meet at a time in the future.

7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Risom was absent, but President Jeffery Wright briefly discussed the status of the 2024 financial audit and responded to previous questions about inventory levels.

8. President's Report: Jeffery Wright briefly presented a status update in the non-Wires Alternative Grant and voltage conversion progress.

9. Discuss Hull Suburban Lease: Barbara made a motion to go into closed session, motion was seconded by Mary Jane, closed session started at 5:15 PM.

   Ken made a motion to come out of closed session seconded by Mary Jane, motion was approved.

   In closed session, upon a recommendation from Jeffery Wright, the board approved the transfer of the lease from Hull Suburban to Littlefield and Sons for purposes of operating a propane company.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken, the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.