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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The public meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Present were: Commissioner/Chairman- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Chris Conway, Commissioner- Richard Chase, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Phil Gott, Ashley Reddy and Karen Mammone

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the February 10, 2021 agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:

January 13, 2021 Public Minutes- The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes.

General Manager's Report:

- ***Current Bank Balances*** – Ms. Reddy presented the Board with the bank account balances report dated February 10, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. The Citizens Bank Operating account has a balance of \$216,795.04, MMDT Depreciation account has a balance of \$1,285,900.56, MMDT Reserve Fund account has a balance of \$944,365.55, Unibank online payment account has a balance of \$36,337.21, Citizens Bank Meter Deposit account has a balance of \$37,816.58, Fidelity Bank Operating Account has a balance of \$600.00, PMLD Accounts Payable as of February 10, 2021 has a balance of \$156,450.42, PMLD Customer Accounts Receivables as of February 10, 2021 has a balance of \$332,200.22, PMLD Total Wind Farm Debt is currently at \$4,240,905.84 and PMLD Total OPEB Liability is \$553,938.00 for the Period Ending on the Measurement Date of December 31, 2020 (OPEB- Other Postemployment Benefits). All bills are paid in a timely manner.
- ***2020 Cashflow Budget Review*** – Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2020 budget detail dated February 5, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-December 2020 with a target of 100.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 105.85% and expenses were at 101.46%.
- ***Current Year Budget Review*** – Mr. McKeon and the Board reviewed the upcoming budget for 2021. Everyone agreed to look over the budget and vote during next month's meeting.

Town Chair Breakfast Report- On February 3rd, Commissioner Rys attended a meeting with other select persons from town. During this meeting, Commissioner Rys presented some changes and discussions going on at PMLD. Commissioner Rys mentioned PMLD hired a new General Manager, the yearly Tree-Trimming Program, PMLD's new Facebook page, National Grid will need a new Westminster substation in the future, Commissioners at this time are working on long-term goals for PMLD, the Board is discussing the end-of-life issues for the Wind Turbines, presently working on a new operating procedure for the Commissioners, and currently talking with NextEra about a possible new contract.

MUNI Related Legislation- Commissioner Chase updated the Board on the bill currently in negotiations with the Governor, State House and Senate concerning Utilities. The current bill was vetoed by the Governor and is back in the House for

changes. One of the clauses states MUNI'S would be required to have 50% non-carbon emitting portfolio by 2030. As of right now this is not a concern by the Governor, House, or Senate. The Board will watch this bill to see how it will affect PMLD.

PMLD Long Term Operational Plan- Commissioner Rys suggested as the Board works on long term goals for PMLD, the target year could be 2030. Some goals should be keeping rates low and moving towards 50% non-carbon emitting clean energy.

Updates on NextEra Contract- Mr. McKeon spoke with Mr. Camardese from NextEra on Tuesday. Mr. McKeon discussed with Mr. Camardese what PMLD is looking for in their new possible contract. Mr. Camardese will submit some options for Mr. McKeon to look through. Once Mr. McKeon feels PMLD has some good options, he will present them to the Board for discussion. Commissioner Conway would like PMLD to be cautious with the NextEra contract. Right now, PMLD is locked into a contract with fixed rates.

FLIR IR Photos of PMLD Building- Commissioner Chase presented the Board with slides from his thermal camera of the PMLD building taken at night several weeks ago. The slides showed where the building is losing heat. A copy of the slides will be placed on file.

New Business- The PMLD Auditors are finishing up their work here at PMLD. They were here in December for the preliminary, January for the inventory, today and tomorrow for their final field work. The final report will be presented in April.

Public Session:

The Municipal Vulnerability Program- Mr. Gott spoke to the Board about the completion of the report concerning climate change impacts for Princeton. The report will be available as a public listening session and at a Board of Selectman meeting maybe in March. This report was the result of 30 people from town, broken into several groups to discuss areas in Princeton that are vulnerable to weather changes and how to improve that area in town. The results for PMLD showed the tree trimming program needs improvement and residents would like a secondary source of power coming into town.

Green Communities Act Update- Mr. Gott mentioned the town has met all the prerequisite criteria for the Green Communities. The application has been submitted and are waiting to hear if Princeton will be considered a Green Community.

National Grid System Map- Commissioner Chase showed the Board the National Grid System Data Portal. This map shows where a Solar System installation is being feed through the sub stations.

Commissioner Chase requested clarification on the wording of the National Grid System Map during the March 10, 2021 meeting. The amended wording is as follows: Commissioner Chase showed to the meeting attendees, the National Grid System Data Portal. This map shows where the feeder from the Westminster substation goes before reaching Princeton. This also shows the available and requested line capacity for solar and other distributed energy resources by individual circuit. The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the February 10, 2020 wording as amended.

At 5:38 PM the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Karen Mammone
Recording Secretary***