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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2021**

The public meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

Present were Commissioner/Chairman- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Richard Chase, Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Chris Conway, Ashley Reddy, Brian Booth, Brian Pellerin and Karen Mammone. Commissioner Rys arrived 4:03pm.

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (2-0) to accept the May 12, 2021 agenda as written. Commissioner Rys was not present at the time of agenda approval.

Meeting Minutes:

April 14, 2021, Public Minutes- The Board voted unanimously in favor (2-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Gott abstained. A copy will be placed on file.

General Manager's Report:

• **Current Bank Balances-**

Ms. Reddy presented the Board with the bank account balances report dated May 12, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. The Citizens Bank Operating account has a balance of \$135,626.29, MMDT Depreciation account has a balance of \$1,369,229.38, MMDT Reserve Fund account has a balance of \$944,675.47, Unibank online payment account has a balance of \$30,445.35, Citizens Bank Meter Deposit account has a balance of \$39,296.25, Fidelity Bank Operating Account has a balance of \$1,420.00, PMLD Accounts Payable as of May 12, 2021 has a balance of \$101,901.29, PMLD Customer Accounts Receivables as of May 12, 2021 has a balance of \$241,182.99, PMLD Customer Accounts 30+ Days in Arrears as of April 30, 2021 is currently \$86,832.27, PMLD Total Wind Farm Debt is currently at \$3,635,062.15 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.

• **2021 Cashflow Budget Review-**

Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2021 budget detail dated May 7, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for May 2021 with a target of 25.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 29.58% and expenses were at 24.69%.

Update on Operations:

• **NextEra Discussions-**

An Executive Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 4pm to discuss NextEra contract negotiations.

• **MMWEC Connected Homes & New HVAC Offer-**

- MMWEC is offering a peak usage notification program for Princeton residents. This program would enable residents to lower their usage by turning off unnecessary items in their home during peak hours. Information on this program will be posted on our webpage and on Facebook. Any resident interested in participating can email Joe Coles at JColes@mmwec.org.
- CET is implementing a program PMLD can opt into. There are two choices for PMLD to choose from, Gold & Silver. Mr. McKeon feels the gold level would be the best for residents. CET will visit the home, look at the number of windows, square footage of home, number of people living in the house etc., then calculate the correct size heat pump for the homeowner.

- **Green Community Grant Program-**
Mr. McKeon met with other town departments concerning grant money the Town of Princeton was awarded. PMLD will possibly be using their share for Mini Splits.
- **DIA Safety Grant-** (Department of Industrial Accidents)
Mr. McKeon has applied for a grant for safety training and escalating training.
*Amended- should read "Mr. McKeon **will be** applying for a grant for safety training and de-escalating training."*
- **Converters from Ingeteam-**
Ingeteam supplies Control Systems and Converters for wind turbines and will be moving to Devens, MA. This would allow PMLD to have a second supplier for the wind turbines.
- **Facebook & Website Update-**
Commissioner Rys would like to add to the Mission Statement on PMLD's website, "to meet or exceed State and Federal environmental goals." All Commissioners agreed to the change.
- **Any Other Updates-**
 - PMLD offices will reopen to the public the same time Town Hall reopens.
 - The Linemen are completing the 2nd phase of PCB testing on the transformers.
 - The layout work for the 13-8 upgrade has been completed on Lover's Lane, Brooks Station Road and Old Brooks Station Road.
 - Mr. Courville and the Linemen replaced the transfer switch circuit board on the PMLD generator.
 - The Linemen completed a safety training course.
 - The damaged transformers have been moved inside and more frequent pickups are scheduled which will end up saving PMLD money by removing the need to build a containment area.

Designation of NYPA Recipient Voting Representative & Alternate-

The Commissioners voted unanimously (3-0) at 5:04pm to have Mr. McKeon as the primary and Mrs. Mammone as the secondary for the voting representative and alternate. Commissioner Chase as Recording Secretary, filled out, signed, and dated the necessary paperwork.

MMWEC Diesel Peak Shaving Offer from MMWEC-

PMLD has agreed to participate in MMWEC's Peak Shaving Program offered during the months of June, July, and August of 2021. At the wind turbine site, a generator will be placed which will run 3 to 4 hours, 2 to 5 times per month during the peak. Mr. McKeon feels it would be a disservice to the residents by not participating in this program which will bring in \$100,000 which will help keep the rates stable. The generator will be controlled remotely by MMWEC. Mr. McKeon expressed this does not line up with his environmental view, but he is here to do what is best for the rate payers. Commissioner Chase spoke how this will help improve the reliability, efficiency and there would be reduced transmission cost. Commissioner Rys mentioned PMLD has worked hard to keep the rates down. Commissioner Gott mentioned it is a reasonable tradeoff between what the residents pay and what the emissions are. Mr. Conway thought it was smart for PMLD to participate in the peak shaving program. It is a win-win situation.

New Business-

No new business this month.

Public Session:

No public session discussion.

At 5:29pm the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone-Recording Secretary