

PRINCETON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2022**

Action Items:

- Mr. McKeon will forward the Sterling Interconnect Agreement to the Commissioners.
- Mr. McKeon will draft a new bill with customer friendly terms.
- The Board and Mr. McKeon will read the Interconnect Policy for possible updating.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:09pm.

Present were Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Chris Courville, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone.

Attending via ZOOM- Commissioners Richard Chase and Rick Rys.

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the August 10, 2022.

Meeting Minutes:

June 15, 2022, Public Meeting Minutes-The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board read over the bank account balances report dated August 10, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2021 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2022 budget detail dated August 9, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-June 2022 with a target of 50.00 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 52.92 % and expenses were at 50.02%.

Update on Operations:

- Brooks Station, Lovers Lane, and Old Brooks Station Rd were converted to 7970, one more day of cutting down the old primary conductor and this extension of the road will be complete.
- Three new homes, one 400 amp and two 200 amp were hooked up for service.
- Over the last couple of months 22 poles were replaced in town. PMLD replaced 19 poles on Thompson Rd which is part of the pole upgrade.
- Two residents reported flickering lights after adding to their electrical service. Larger transformers are being installed to meet the increased load.
- PMLD still has 40 poles to set this year.
- Mr. McKeon mentioned the Sterling Interconnect draft agreement arrived from the lawyers.

Update on Princeton Solar Project Site Tour:

On Thursday, June 16th, the Princeton Solar Project Committee and the DCR met to discuss possible land swap for a solar field in town. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18th.

Solar Policy Implementation:

Recently, a letter was mailed to solar residents who were not receiving generation credit. PMLD's new solar policy was addressed in the letter which will be going into effect with the September 1st billing. There will be a 200 KWh minimum charge of \$49.00 per month. Any KWh over 200 not consumed will be given an 8.1 cent generation credit.

Wind Turbine Cost Analysis:

The Board and Mr. McKeon discussed the future of the wind turbines regarding wind RECS-buy, sell or retire them. Discussion will continue.

PMLD Billing Format:

The Board approved Mr. McKeon drafting a new PMLD light bill. The new bill will use customer friendly terms and changes to show exactly what makes up the customer's bill.

MMWEC Chapter 164 Presentation:

Commissioner Rys went over the presentation Nick Scobol presented to the MUNI'S.

- Commissioners have the power to elect/appoint a manager.
- Commissioners have the power to give the MLP Manager general directions regarding the operations of the plant.
- General directions to the engagement of labor relations but not the power.
- Commissioners do not have the power to hire agents, servants, or attorneys that power by statute is expressly the Manager's alone.
- Commissioners can provide general directions regarding personal hiring and other MLP policies, but the General Manager can pick the individual and Commissioners can give advice on recommended salaries.
- All contracts made by the Commission involving a dollar amount must be in writing.
- The approval of MLP rates and Terms & Conditions for electric service on recommendations of the Manager.
- Required to file on annual return with the DPU stating financial conditions of said business.

Facebook/Website:

The new solar policy is on the PMLD website. The Board and Mr. McKeon will read the Interconnect Policy to see if the policy will need updating.

New Business/Parking Lot:

All Commissioners will need to sign the audit before the next meeting on September 14th at 3pm. The Auditors will be attending and reporting their findings to the Board.

At 5:00pm the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Karen Mammone
Recording Secretary***