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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS  
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES (AMENDED)  
October 12, 2022**

**Action Items:**

- Commissioner Rys will look for a Bachman contact for the turbines.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.

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

Attending via ZOOM- Commissioner- Richard Chase.

**Agenda:**

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the October 12, 2022; agenda as written.

**Meeting Minutes:**

September 21, 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 October 12, 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 October 5, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-August 2022 with a target of 66.67 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 74.76 % and expenses were at 67.93%.

**Update on Operations:**

- The turbines have been down for almost one month. Baldwin was called, found the converter cards are the problem. They have reached out to Austria for information on these unique cards. As of this meeting, Baldwin has not heard from the company.
- PMLD is in the process of replacing the 2009 bucket and spare truck with a new bucket truck. Both trucks will be sold, and one truck will be purchased.
- PMLD staff participated in the Touch-A-Truck held in town.
- The Linemen set a couple of poles and built a riser for a new house on Houghton Rd.
- A truck hit a pole on Wheeler Rd causing the pole to break. There were no outages.
- The General Foreman, Chris Courville, has been working on a one-line diagram of the town. The one-line diagram is a map of the wiring in town.
- The Linemen have been working on hot spot trimming on Worcester Rd.

**Update on Princeton Solar Farm Project:**

Commissioner Chase spoke on the DCR meeting. The DCR is not interested in leasing land, they would prefer a swap for equal or greater value. The Solar Farm Committee still has the landfill the town can use for a megawatt of power if other land does not become available. The next meeting will be held on, October 13, 2022.

**IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) for EV's:**

Commissioner Rys discussed the IRA tax credit for EV's. There were two subcategories- Critical Minerals and Battery Components. Both include:

- MSRP cap- \$80,000 for vans, SUVs, and pickup trucks; \$55,000 for all other vehicles.
- Income caps: \$300,00 for joint filers, \$225,00 for head of household, \$150,000 for single filers.
- Final assembly must take place in North America.
- One credit per vehicle.
- Both have a credit amount of \$3750.00.

Critical Minerals- Minimum percentage of critical minerals must be extracted for processed in the US or free trade partners OR recycled in North America.

Battery Components- Minimum percentage of battery components must be manufactured or assembled in North America.

*Amended MSRP cap from \$80,00 to \$80,000 for vans*

Commissioner Rys purchased a buyer's guide from Cleanerwatt on EV's and will direct anyone interested in where to find information. There is a website to check the VIN number on EV vehicles that check off the requirements in the subcategories.

Mr. McKeon mentioned MMWEC is working on how the IRA will affect solar, wind and battery projects.

**Solar Rate Policy:**

As of this meeting, Billtrust is still working on the new solar bill with a goal of having the new bill complete by the November 1<sup>st</sup> billing cycle. Ms. Mammone called all solar customers affected by the billing and explained the dollar amount was accurate, but the breakdown was still missing.

Mr. McKeon informed the Board, MMWEC is working on a battery storage incentive.

**Facebook/Website:**

Postings continue with holidays, rebates, and any big power outages.

**New Business/Parking Lot:**

No comments

**Executive Session:**

Roll call vote was taken (3-0) to enter Executive session 3:55pm with a return to open session to end meeting.

*To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.*

Commissioner Gott- yea

Commissioner Chase- yea

Commissioner-Rys- yea

*Commissioner Chase was alone in his office.*

**Public Comments:**

No comments

At 4:44pm the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Karen Mammone- Recording Secretary*