

PRINCETON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2022**

Action Items:

Mr. McKeon will send the Commissioners the 2023 MEAM meeting schedule.

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

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

Attending via ZOOM- Commissioner- Richard Chase.

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the December 13, 2022 agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:

October 12, 2022, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as amended.

*Change dollar amount under IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) from \$80,00 to \$80,000 for vans
Approved as amended (3-0).*

October 12, 2022- Executive Meeting Minutes- Not ready for Boards approval.

November 9, 2022- Public Meeting Minutes- Not ready for Boards approval.

November 9, 2022- Executive Meeting Minutes- Not ready for Boards approval.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board read over the bank account balances report dated December 13, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2022 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2022 budget detail dated December 12, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-October 2022 with a target of 83.33 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 86.95 % and expenses were at 83.33 %.

During the January meeting the Board will discuss the 2023 budget.

Update on Operations:

- The Wind Turbines are still down, and it looks like it has to do with the software. Baldwin and American Superconductor are working to resolve the issue. Mr. McKeon contacted the insurance company. There is a \$50,000 deductible for repairs and business continuity insurance after 30 days which will cover lost generation.

- Itron Metering Issue- The IT team are still working the billing format. The Itron meter program is up and running.
- Sterling Interconnection Project- Currently, there is no progress with the project. Sterling is still waiting for answers on their questions. Their General Manager is leaving. We still need to run a mile of 3-phase reconfiguring our regulators and moving the reclosers.
- ISO Moving turbine interconnection- MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Electric Wholesale) will take of this once PMLD has a signed agreement with Sterling.
- Battery Storage- MMWEC has created a new battery storage program beginning in 2024. Princeton will be one of MMWEC's first customers. PMLD will need to install a recloser. The 2-megawatt, 3-megawatt hour battery has a 20-year life. The next step will be for Mr. McKeon to speak with the departments at Town Hall.
- Future Offshore Wind Purchases- The Mayflower Wind Project is currently on hold.
- Solar Policy Document- Mr. McKeon mentioned the solar policy will stay the same but will make a few wording changes so it will be a clearer.
- Other Updates- None

Princeton Solar Project:

Commissioner Chase mentioned the next meeting is Thursday. During this meeting, the committee will finalize their draft report and submit it to the Select Board.

Facebook/Website:

Updating with rebates from MMWEC, holiday schedules-reminders when PMLD will be closed.

New Business/Parking Lot:

Commissioner Gott discussed the latest topic on NextDoor concerning EV's in Princeton. He mentioned PMLD is upgrading the lines to 13.8 kv to increase the capacity and connecting to Sterling.

Commissioner Gott mentioned the Massachusetts Municipal Association held a meeting to discuss EV's for Massachusetts. Massachusetts would eventually like EV chargers every fifty miles on major routes, and after 2030, encouraging no more use of fossil fuels for school buses.

Recently, Commissioner Rys and Gott both attended a Green Commissioners meeting. During the meeting, the discussion was on Managers and Commissioners attending the meeting together. Mr. McKeon will email the Commissioners the dates and times for the 2023 MEAM meetings.

Public Session:

No guests for public session.

At 4:55pm the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary