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BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES JUNE 12, 2023

Action Items:

Mr. McKeon will clarify the time needed for the Sterling Interconnection study. Mr. McKeon will create a new policy for utility pole requests.

Present were Commissioner- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Phil Gott, Commissioner- Richard Chase, General Manager- Sean McKeon, General Foreman- Chris Courville, Chris Conway, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone.

Attending via ZOOM: Brian Pellerin

The public meeting was called to order at 3 pm. (3-0)

Commissioner Rys thanked Mr. Courville for his extra work on getting the wind turbine running. Mr. Courville went over and above his call of duty in working to troubleshoot the problem with the turbine.

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the written June 12, 2023, agenda.

Meeting Minutes:

April 11, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written.

May 11, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes- Minutes must still be prepared for review.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board reviewed the bank account balances report dated June 12, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2023 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2023 budget detail dated June 9, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures were for January-April 2023, with a target of 33.33 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 32.66 % and expenses were 31.13 %.

Update on Operations:

- <u>Wind Turbines</u>- Mr. McKeon is working with the insurance company on lost revenue while the turbines were down.
- <u>New Bill Format</u>- Mr. McKeon discussed the decision to move away from Billtrust and move to NDS, a company that also handles PMLD's billing software. On Wednesday, an NDS representative will meet with us to discuss the process, cost, and options on bill format.

- <u>MMWEC Seabrook Power Purchase</u>-After much discussion on the Seabrook PPA with MMWEC, Commissioner Rys made a motion to support the Special Project 2023A with PMLD purchasing .6 megawatts of Seabrook Power. This contract would begin in 2028 when the PMLD contract with NextEra ends.
 - Commissioner Gott- 2nd
 - Commissioner Chase-Aye
 - Commissioner Rys- yes

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the PPA with MMWEC.

- Update on Grant Application- PMLD's grant application with the help of MMWEC was not accepted.
- <u>Updates on Sterling Interconnection</u>- The SMLD is working on a load study with PLM Engineering firm. Once the study is complete, the next steps will begin.
- <u>MMWEC Battery Storage</u>- PLM Engineering requested more information on the Battery storage location. DeLorean will send someone to drill a few cores, ensuring the soil is not contaminated.
- Other Updates-
 - Mr. McKeon, Mr. Courville, Police Chief Patriarca, and Officer Tebeau met to discuss which roads would require details; call box calls will be simulcast on all the radios so the Lineman can move their equipment during an emergency.
 - A resident stopped by the office to discuss the town warrant concerning community solar. The warrant is a zoning by-law for the size allowed.
 - Mr. McKeon notified the DPU of the non-profit rate change to residential. All three churches were notified of their rate change.

<u>Request from Men's Group on Solar Advice</u>- Commissioner Rys is currently creating a document on his personal advice for installing solar. An article was suggested to be submitted to the Redemption Rock Trail Newspaper.

Interconnect Policy-Customers looking for rates will find them on the www.Pmld.com website under the rates tab.

Facebook-Bills were delayed a few days this month. PMLD extended the discount date to the number of days the bills were delayed- The discount date was June 22 and extended to June 26. The extension was posted on Facebook and our website.

New Business/Parking Lot:

No discussions

Public Session:

Representing the NORCO Sportsmen's Club, Mr. Conway asked if utility poles could be dropped off at the club for future projects. The Board and Mr. McKeon have decided to have a written policy on delivering utility poles in town. The person requesting poles must sign a waiver and read the paperwork so they understand what they are receiving. Poles will only be supplied to clubs, farms, not residential homes. Poles will be delivered in order of request, up to 10 per request if there are several requests. PMLD usually replaces 50 poles per year.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone, Recording Secretary