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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

Action Items:

- Mr. McKeon will discuss with Mr. Connell at MMWEC the possibility of selling the power from the wind turbines to DeLorean.
- Mr. McKeon will contact MMWEC concerning the DeLorean contract.
- Mr. McKeon will contact COA Director Judith Webster regarding holding a senior luncheon at PMLD.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

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

Zoom: Commissioner- Richard Chase

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the written October 10, 2023 agenda.

Meeting Minutes:

September 12, 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 October 10, 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 October 10, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures were for January- August 2023, with a target of 66.67%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 69.34% and expenses were 64.94%.

Update on Operations:

- **New Bill Format-** The Board was presented with a sample bill for wording and appearance. Residents who use Billtrust to pay online must switch to InvoiceCloud once the new bills are live. Unibank will still be an option to use for online payments. Information on changing to InvoiceCloud will be posted on PMLD's Facebook and Website.
- **MMWEC Battery Storage-** MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) and DeLorean are still working on a deal concerning rate charges for PMLD. Negotiations are still being discussed for rates to 2027 and in the future. PMLD is still waiting for core drilling at the battery storage site.

- **Sterling Interconnection-** Mr. Stelmach (Sterling's General Manager) and Mr. McKeon have been working on the Deed Grant. If the grant is awarded to Sterling and Princeton, it could pay up to \$30,000 towards the interconnection study and design.
- **Landfill Solar & Community Solar-** MassDEP (Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection) recently inspected the solar site. The Solar Farm Group is now a Solar Farm Committee. The Solar Farm Committee members are Corey Burnham-Howard, John Mirick, Helga Lyons, Richard Chase, Larry Greene, Bruce Dean, and Jerry Pellegrini. The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 13th.
- **NextZero Selection Sheets for 2024-** The Board and General Manager agreed to keep the rebates and costs the same as the previous year. Last year, PMLD set aside \$75,000 for business and residential rebates.
- **Hydro Power Opportunity with Main Class 2 RECs-** MMWEC suggested buying 50% of hydropower and leaving a little open gap. The Board thought they should trust their advice.
- **Other Updates-**
 - During the year, several poles were set throughout town. Over the past few weeks, PMLD has been transferring poles.
 - Tree trimming was required to transfer new poles.
 - Three roads in town were hot spot trimmed. Trees that are touching or almost touching the wires.
 - PMLD participated in the Touch-A-Truck. The staff who attended were Mr. Pellerin, Mr. Gates, Mr. McKeon, and Mrs. Mammone. Commissioner Gott also attended.
 - Commissioner Rys reminded the Board that a commitment was made to the COA regarding a senior luncheon at PMLD.

Facebook/Website:

No discussion.

New Business/Parking Lot:

Commissioner Rys attended an Offshore Wind Conference. The Vineyard Wind is the first project to be built. Commissioner Rys discussed what he learned from the Conference.

Public Session:

Commissioner Chase mentioned he read an interesting article in Time Magazine on Green Mountain Power.

At 4:15 p.m., the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting to enter Executive Session. The Executive session ended at 4:27 p.m., entering into a public session.

At 4:30 p.m., the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary