

PRINCETON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2024**

Action Items:

- Commissioner Rys and Mr. McKeon will draft a policy for salaried employees during extended work hours.
- Mr. McKeon will contact Tim Kelly from the Fire Department to see how the department deals with battery storage fires.
- Commissioner Gott will contact the Fire Department concerning home batteries installed in homes.
- Commissioner Rys will suggest updates or updates relating to the wind site web page.
- Mr. McKeon will discuss adding wind information to the website with Ayacht.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present were Commissioner- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Phil Gott, Commissioner- Richard Chase, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Peter Giumette (Advisory Committee), Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone

Zoom: Roger Brooks

Agenda:

The Board unanimously (3-0) approved the May 21, 2024, agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:

April 9, 2024, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the minutes as written.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board reviewed the bank account balances report dated May 21, 2024. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2024 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the board with a copy of the 2024 budget details dated May 17, 2024. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures were for January-March 2024, with a target of 25.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 25.56% and expenses were 22.81%.

Extended Outage Compensation for Salaried Employees-

Regarding extended outage compensation for salaried employees, Commissioner Rys and Mr. McKeon will each create a policy for salaried employees who work more than four hours of overtime during storm-related issues. The Board will vote on the final policy. There is no policy or compensation for salaried employees who work more than 44 hours.

Update on Operations:

- **New Bill Format-**
PMLD's new billing company, Invoice Cloud, and Northern Data Systems aim to go live with the new format on July 18th. Customers will see the new bill format with the August 1st billing.
- **MMWEC Battery Storage Project-**
PMLD is moving forward with the battery storage project. Lightshift (formerly known as DeLorean) will be at the next Planning Board Meeting. The engineering drawings have been forwarded to John Mirick; a permit is still needed. Once the force majeure is cleaned up, Mr. McKeon will still need to sign the contract.

Sterling Interconnect-

The ISO Study to the connection point in Sterling will continue. PLM will continue to work on the transmission study.

- **Grant Opportunities-**
Mr. McKeon spoke with MMWEC about grant opportunities for AMI smart meters. Currently, there are no grants available.
- **Brief Update from MMWEC Round Table & Annual Meeting-**
Commissioner Rys discussed briefly the following topics during the MMWEC round table and meeting:
 - Day Ahead (proposal) VS FWD Capacity
 - Experience with Heat Pump Load Profile
 - FERC 2023 Serial to Group Permitting
 - Transmission Upgrades
 - Clean Heat Standard (proposal) and Impact on Rebates
 - GIS/Smart Meters
 - Cold Weather Heat Pumps
 - V2G (Vehicle to Grid)
 - VPP with Duracell BatteryMr. McKeon discussed Day 2, projects unrelated to PMLD, and the new MMWEC portal training.

Future Plans for Smart Meters and Demand Response Options:

The PMLD Board is interested in adding smart meters to Princeton's system but will have to wait until a grant is available and MMWEC can roll it out and administer it for PMLD.

Update Ideas PMLD Website Wind Page & Future Battery Data:

Commissioner Rys will review the PMLD website's wind page to determine if any items need to be updated or removed. Mr. McKeon will inquire with Ayacht about the possibility of updating the wind page with time-of-day data and providing an estimate for the cost of incorporating this information.

Landfill Solar & Community Solar:

The engineering firm is still searching for documentation to prove that the landfill was properly capped. Additionally, the committee is actively seeking land that could be exchanged with DCR. Tighe and Bond Engineering Firm will provide the solar committee with a quote for investigating the old landfill to determine if the site was appropriately capped.

Updates on Facebook & Website:

Both sites are regularly updated with new NextZero offers.

New Business/Parking Lot:

Commissioner Chase mentioned that he has received mailers from the Homeworks Program, which is part of MassSave. If residents receive these flyers, they do not apply to municipalities.

Public Comments:

Princeton resident Roger Brooks congratulated PMLD on its approach and progress over the past few years.

At 4:45 p.m., the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone- Recording Secretary