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# BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2025 Amended

### **Action Items:**

Ms. Reddy will change the title for Cash Outflow in Operations from "Depreciation" to "Depreciation/Rate Stabilization."

Ms. Mammone will submit the budget sheet along with the minutes from May for posting on the PMLD website.

Mr. McKeon will contact National Grid regarding PMLD's share of the substation upgrade.

Commissioner Rys will arrange a time for the Commissioners to visit the Holden substation with Mr. Tupper.

Everyone is encouraged to share ideas on how to increase the Charles H. Hall Scholarship Fund.

The public meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

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

Zoom: Commissioner- Richard Chase, Roger Brooks, John Zimmatore (Advisory Committee)

# Agenda:

The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the June 12, 2025, agenda.

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the amended minutes for May 13, 2025.

Under New Business- Commissioner Gott would like to include the statement "The Commissioners congratulated Ashley on her achievement."

# **General Manager's Report**:

# Current Bank Balances-

The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated June 12, 2025. A copy will be placed in the file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

# 2025 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the board with a copy of the 2025 budget details dated June 11, 2025. A copy will be placed in the file. The cash flow figures were for January through April 2025, with a target of 33.33%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 35.70% and expenses were 33.50%.

#### **Update on Operations:**

#### • Recent Activities Maintenance-

The maintenance sheet is attached.

# • MMWEC Battery Storage Project-(Delorean/Lightshift)

There have been no updates since last month. Lightshift contacted the Planning Board, and a sound study was conducted to explore a possible connection with National Grid as part of the storage battery project.

The second part of the sentence should read: There have been no updates since last month. Lightshift contacted the Planning Board. Lightshift and MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) had a meeting with National Grid. National Grid will be starting an interconnection study. Also, Lightshift did a sound study on our property.

# • Holden Interconnect & Request for Substation Visit-

Discussed the estimated cost of over \$500,000 for the interconnection with Holden. Commissioner Rys will contact Mr. Tupper to arrange a substation tour with Commissioner Chase and Commissioner Gott.

Commissioner Gott would like to add, "Commissioner Gott requested a thorough cost analysis comparing staying with National Grid and going with Holden because neither offers a true second connection."

#### • Review OT and IT Security & Backups-

PMLD's IT specialist reached out to the IT personnel for the SCADA system. They informed him that there is a link available for upgrading the SCADA system to Windows 11.

# • Future PMLD Expense Planning (Wind Payoff/End of NextEra Contract/Trucks)-

There have been no changes to the report since the last meeting.

Wind turbine data sheet attached.

# • Grant Application-

Mr. McKeon has been informed that the grant has been cancelled, and no communities will receive funding.

#### Updates on Facebook & Website-

There are no reports this month.

# New Business/Parking Lot-

Commissioner Rys shared insights from the conference he attended in Boston.

The additional parking area for hikers on Westminster Road has now been paved.

Commissioner Gott addressed the Charles H. Hall Trust, noting that there are currently limited funds available for scholarships. The Board, along with Mr. McKeon, will work together to brainstorm ways to raise money for this scholarship.

Everyone agreed to forgo a meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 3:00 PM.

Public Comments-No public comments.

At 11:07 AM, the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mammone

**Recording Secretary**