

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, November 28, 2005, in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Albert Palmisciano, Brian Choiniere, William Mageau, Ann Polacek, Adrien Trudeau, and Dennis Whitman. Thomas Partridge arrived at 6:04 pm.

Also in Attendance: William Bernstein, Esq., Theodore Garille

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Good and Welfare of the District

A. President's Day

Chairman Palmisciano reviewed the recommendation from the General Manager to add President's Day as a paid holiday for the District employees, bringing the total number of paid holidays to 12; he added that municipal employees receive 13 paid holidays per year.

Mr. Garille noted that he was pleased to see many of the employees at the meeting and added he hoped the Board would receive the message that they care about the benefits offered to them. Mr. Trudeau made a motion to add President's Day as a paid holiday. The motion was seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous. The employees expressed their appreciation to the Board.

B. Public Utility Commission Data Request – Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the report summarizing terminations of service for the period ending October 31, 2005, adding this was the last month of terminations until the moratorium period ends in the spring. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the report, which was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Communications

Mr. Garille reviewed the correspondence received from Senator Lincoln Chafee following their meeting in Washington, DC regarding the power purchased from the New York Power Authority. He added that Senators Chafee and Reed, as well as Congressman Langevin all personally pledged their support of the final agreement.

Mr. Garille reviewed the letter of thanks from the Fox Islands Electric Cooperative for the switches sold to them from the District. He noted the electric cooperative serves approximately 500 customers in the lobster-fishing community and these switches would make a big difference in this economically disadvantaged area.

Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the correspondence, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 24, 2005, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Review of the 2006 Electric and Water Budgets: The Board reviewed budgets, which will be presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Mr. Garille commented that the electric budget included the actual purchase power contract costs.

B. Well #5: Mr. Garille reviewed the payments made from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant for work on Well #5. He added the design has been approved by the USDA; the District is waiting for approval from the RI Department of Health.

C. Purchase Power Contract

Mr. Garille reviewed the power contract with Dominion Energy for 2006-2010, adding that although the District will need to implement a rate increase in January, the average cost for a 500 kwh customer will be \$69 compared to \$82 for Narragansett Electric customers. He added that the cost of power decreases over the length of the contract and distributed a copy of the \$1,000,000 guaranty received from Dominion Energy. Mr. Bernstein noted that the guaranty is no longer available to any customers from Dominion Energy. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Garille for the contract negotiations and securing the guaranty. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive

and file, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Committee Comments

There were no Committee comments.

6. New Business

A. Resolution 05-007: Mr. Choiniere made a motion to approve the revised 2006 Electric Budget, which will be presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting on December 12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Resolution 05-008: Vote to adopt amendment to the Section 125 Plan

Mr. Garille reviewed the Section 125 Flexible Spending account with the Board, adding the amendment would increase the participation level from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and recommended its approval. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to adopt amendment number two to the Section 125 Plan raising the participation level to \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. Financial Reports

The Board reviewed the September, 2005 Water Department Financial Reports. Mr. Trudeau made a motion to receive and file, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was

unanimous.

8. Public Comment

Mr. Wayne Barber asked why the Christmas lights had not been extended. Mr. Trudeau explained the District did not own the lights. Mr. Garille apologized for not extending the lights, and noted the District is working with the firefighters at Pascoag Fire Department Hose #1 who own the lights.

Mr. James Hoppe thanked the Board for the additional holiday on behalf of the employees.

Mr. Barber commended the line crew for the great service recently provided. Mr. Garille commended Mr. Guertin and his men.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Mageau made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sharon McDonald, Recording Secretary

Brian Choiniere, Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners