

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, October 23, 2006, in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Vice-Chair Ann Polacek, Commissioners Brian Choiniere, William Mageau, Thomas Partridge, Adrien Trudeau and Dennis Whitman.

Also in attendance: Theodore Garille, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel.

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Good and Welfare of the District

A. PUC Data Request – Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the information regarding service terminations and notices provided to the PUC for the period ending September 30, 2006. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. DSM – Callahan School

Mr. Garille reported to the Board that the Demand Side Management (DSM) program would be rebating \$42,226 to the W.L. Callahan

School for including energy efficient fixtures in the renovations. He added the District would present the Town with a check on October 31st. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Communications

- **Letter from Water Resources Board**

Mr. Garille reported that the Water Resources Board has approved the District's thirty-month interim report. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the item, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Letter from New York Power Authority**

Mr. Garille reported that the New York Power Authority has notified us that there would be no reduction in hydro energy sales through November 30, 2006. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to receive and file the item, which was seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Congratulatory Letter from Soleil Communications**

Mr. Choinere made a motion to receive and file the letter from Soleil congratulation Mr. Garille on his appointment as President of NEPPA, and congratulation the staff on receiving the NEPPA Service Award. The motion was seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **Water Subcommittee – September 25, 2006**
- **Regular Meeting – September 25, 2006**
- **Finance Subcommittee – September 26, 2006**
- **Employee Benefits Subcommittee – October 5, 2006**

Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the minutes with a change to the Employee Benefits Subcommittee reflecting Mr. Partridge as the chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. Committee Comments

- **Finance Subcommittee: Chairman Palmisciano reported the subcommittee met to review the FY2007 budget, adding it is on tonight's agenda for approval.**
- **Water Subcommittee: Chairman Palmisciano reported the subcommittee met this evening in executive session to discuss possible litigation.**

5. Unfinished Business

A. New Stoney Brook Plant – MMWEC Special Project 2006A Update
Mr. Bernstein provided an update on this project, noting the MMWEC Board of Directors has approved Pascoag's participation. In addition, he has spoken with MMWEC Counsel to discuss changes to the contract protecting Pascoag in the event another participant drops out.

B. Well #5 DEM Wetlands Application and Process

Mr. Garille reported the request for RFP's has appeared in the paper.

C. New Transmission Line to Pascoag – Update

Mr. Garille reported that he and Mr. Bernstein met with National Grid and they have agreed to conduct the survey internally, resulting in a savings of \$85,000.

D. Well #3 – Results of Recent Testing

Mr. Garille reviewed the test results, which were all acceptable. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to receive and file, which was seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. New Business

A. Resolution 06-016: Review and Approve 2007 Electric and Water Budgets (to be distributed at Annual Meeting): Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the FY2007 Electric and Water Budgets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Resolution 06-017: Review and Approve 2006 Annual Meeting Agenda: There was discussion to change to time of the meeting to 7:00 pm. Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the 2006 Annual Meeting Agenda, as modified, changing the time to 7:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was

unanimous.

C. Resolution 06-018: Modification to Defined Benefit Plan: Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the proposed modifications to the Defined Benefit Plan to include early retirement at reduced payout rates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

D. Resolution 06-019: Christmas Lights in Downtown Pascoag: There was discussion regarding liability coverage; Mr. Bernstein asked to review the insurance rider. Mr. Partridge made a motion to have the PFD insurance rider reviewed by Counsel, adding the same requirements would apply to HFD, and if satisfactory, the lights could be hung. The motion was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. Financial Reports

- Electric Department – August, 2006: Mr. Mageau made a motion to receive and file the electric report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.**
- Water Department – August, 2006: Mr. Whitman made a motion to receive and file the water report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Brian Choiniere, Secretary

Board of Utility Commissioners