

# **PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Meeting – January 4, 2007**

**The Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners held a special meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2007 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: William Bernstein, General Counsel and Theodore Garille, General Manager**

**Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.**

## **1. Acceptance of Bid to Construct Well #5**

**Mr. Garille reviewed the RFP process and reported that two contractors bid on the job; the lowest bid was \$374,700 by Fielding Construction and the high bid was in excess of \$600,000 by Dankris Construction. Mr. Bernstein commented that the review by Mr. Houde and the meeting held between the District and Mr. Fielding provided a high level of comfort that the job would be done in a highly efficient,**

**cost effective manner. He added that Mr. Fielding's pending license in Massachusetts provides an incentive to do this job in a proper manner to insure a favorable recommendation by the District. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to accept the bid of \$374,700 from Fielding Construction to construct Well #5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

## **2. Approval of Issuance of a Document to Proceed**

**Mr. Mageau made a motion to empower the General Manager to issue a document to proceed in conjunction with the engineer, also reviewed by counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

## **3. Review and Approve Charter Changes**

**Mr. Garille reviewed the status of the Charter following the veto by the Governor because of the terminology regarding medical coverage for commissioners. He also reviewed the proposed modifications including the inclusion of electric distribution company and non-regulated power producer; refining the definition of a qualified voter; establishing a requirement for the elected positions of the moderator and clerk to declare their candidacy in the same manner as the commissioners; vacancies will be filled only until the next annual meeting; adding the official reference to the vice-chair; removing references to the medical coverage for the Board; #6 giving the District the right to serve outside the service territory; the property tax phase-out language; and the inclusion of the Water Resources**

**Board, Public Utilities Commission, and Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ability to assess their yearly fees. Mr. Trudeau made a motion to approve the changes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

#### **4. Executive Session**

**Mr. Whitman made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a water department matter involving the Department of Health pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) and 42-46-5(a)(4). The motion was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous. The Board entered into executive session at 6:27 pm.**

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**Mr. Trudeau made a motion to return to open session, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:52 pm; there were no votes taken in executive session.**

#### **5. Adjournment**

**Mr. Whitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

**Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.**

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**Brian Choiniere, Secretary**

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**Sharon McDonald, Recording Secretary**