

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

**The Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2007, in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.**

**Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners Brian Choiniere, William Mageau, Thomas Partridge, Adrien Trudeau, and Dennis Whitman**

**Members Absent: Vice-Chair Ann Polacek**

**Also in Attendance: William Bernstein, General Counsel; Theodore Garille, General Manager**

**Chairman Palmisciano called the meeting to order 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 submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for the month ending January 31, 2007, noting one customer was disconnected for an unpaid balance of over \$300. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the information, which**

**was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

## **B. Notice of Incident from PURMA**

**Mr. Guertin reviewed an incident that occurred on Sayles Avenue in July, 2006, involving a subcontractor of Cox Communication and one of PUD's poles. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was 5-0; Mr. Choiniere abstained because he did not hear the entire item.**

## **C. Communications**

- Letter from USDA re: Well #5 – Mr. Garille reported the USDA has approved going forward with the construction of Well #5. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

- Letter from Dept. of Health Re: Testing – Mr. Garille reported that the District received an alleged tier 3 violation from the Department of Health regarding lead and copper testing. He added the test readings and results were found to have been taken and submitted. In addition, to insure no further difficulties, all future submissions will be sent via certified mail.**

- Correspondence from Department of Health Re: Chlorine Levels – Mr. Garille reported that the District monitors chlorine levels throughout the system and found that since Harrisville Fire District**

**does not deliver .20 of chlorine consistently, it must be adjusted. The District has been commended by the Department of Health for the chlorine levels.**

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### **3. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting – January 22, 2007**
- Employee Benefits Subcommittee – February 1, 2007**
- Electric Subcommittee – February 14, 2007**
- Special Meeting – February 16, 2007**

**Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

### **4. Committee Comments**

**• Employee Benefits Subcommittee: Mr. Partridge reported that after reviewing the proposals submitted from various health care providers, the Subcommittee recommended continuing with United Healthcare.**

**• Water Department Roof Bid Opening Results: Mr. Whitman**

reviewed the results of the bid opening: United Replacement Window, Inc. of Lincoln, RI - \$9,960.00; A.K. Construction of Slatersville, RI - \$9,850.00; Jim Gervasio Construction of Chepachet, RI - \$14,165.00; E.C. Mowry of Chepachet, RI - \$7,750.00; Rylah Construction of Pascoag, RI - \$15,500.00; Apollo Roofing of Providence, RI - \$25,975.00; Dome Construction of Cumberland, RI - \$11,232.00. The subcommittee recommended awarding the bid to E.C. Mowry.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

**A. 2007 Enabling Legislation:** Mr. Garille reported that he appeared before the House Committee on Corporations to testify on behalf of PUD's legislation, adding Representative Pacheco was very supportive, and Senator Fogarty has submitted similar legislation.

**B. Well #5 Construction Contract:** Mr. Garille reported that the notice of award was signed and sent to Fielding Construction.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. 07-002: 2007 Healthcare Provider Recommendation**

Mr. Partridge reported that the Employee Benefits Subcommittee recommended maintaining the present coverage with United Health Care. Mr. Partridge made a motion to stay with United Health Care, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**B. Proposed NYPA Rate Increase:** Mr. Garille reported that NYPA is

seeking an increase in rates, adding the out-of-state allottees have agreed to submit data requests to NYPA to answer all questions pertaining to the increase.

## **7. Financial Reports**

- **Electric Department – December, 2006**

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

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- **Water Department – December, 2006**

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

## **8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **9. Adjournment**

Mr. Whitman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr.

**Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.**

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**Brian Choiniere, Secretary  
Board of Utility Commissioners**

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**Sharon McDonald, Recording Secretary**