

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners will be held on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the District office, Pascoag 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Vice-Chair Ann Polacek, Commissioners, Thomas Partridge, Dennis Whitman, and Adrien Trudeau

Members Absent: Commissioners Brian Choiniere (excused due to military duty) and William Mageau (excused due to sick leave)

Also in Attendance: Judith Allaire, Assistant General Manager; William Guertin, Assistant General Manager and William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

3. Committee Comments

A. Electric Subcommittee- The Electric Subcommittee made a

recommendation that Mr. Garille hire Attorney John Coyle to oversee the Taunton Plant project.

B. Benefits Subcommittee- The Benefits Subcommittee made a recommendation to the Board to allow the General Manager to adjust the portfolio as necessary.

4. Good and Welfare of the District

A. PUC Data Request – Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the customer shut off information. The average customer balance is around \$250.00. Ms. Allaire stated that 62 residential standard customers were disconnected in the month of May. There are seven customers under protected status and PUD has gone to the RIPUC to disconnect two of them, due to non-payment. Pascoag Utility District sent out 933 disconnection notices. There are several verbal agreements and four written agreements. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Conservation Projects 2008

Ms. Allaire reviewed the upcoming conservation projects for 2008. Pascoag Utility District is also looking into sponsoring a lecture series at PUD that would allow the public to come in and learn about renewable energy.

C. GNEF

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund luncheon was a great success. The goal for this year was \$500,000 and the GNEF ended up raising over \$800,000. The event was well attended.

D. District Office Newsletter

The Board reviewed the District Office Newsletter. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Regular BUC Meeting- May 27, 2008**
- Electric Subcommittee Meeting- June 3, 2008 (Minutes were amended to reflect that the Electric Subcommittee would recommend to the full Board that the General Manager be empowered to sign the contract for Attorney John Coyle.)**
- Benefits Subcommittee Meeting- June 12, 2008**

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

6. Unfinished Business

- 08-02 NYISO Transmission Charges Update**

PUD was able to sell power back into the pool and received \$98,000. This will help to offset transmission charges. Transmission charges have currently doubled. Ms. Allaire and Mr. Guertin will be going to a meeting in Albany, New York regarding the transmission charges.

7. New Business

- **08-01-08-11 Midyear Report**

PUD is going to the RIPUC and requesting that there be no change to the current rates.

- **08-12 Hydrant Legislation**

The Hydrant Legislation passed with no objections.

8. Financial Reports

- **Electric Department- March**

- **Water Department-March**

Ms. Allaire reviewed the Electric and Water Financials for March. The revenue in the water department was up, due to Well #5 being online. Operation and Maintenance is slightly over budget in the water department. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the Electric Financials', the motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the Water Financials', the motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Whitman made a motion to go into Executive session. Mr. Partridge seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive session at 6:35 pm.

9. Executive Session

- **To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing information regarding Unemployment Litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2). The minutes of said meeting shall remain confidential for as long as necessary pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, until a majority of**

the Board shall vote to open said minutes as provided for an subject to the open meeting law.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

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Brian Choiniere, Secretary

Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary