

# **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, July 26, 2010 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, Brian Choiniere and Adrien Trudeau**

**Members Absent:**

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

**Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.**

### **Minutes**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Public Comment**

**Ms. Moroney had a question about tree trimming on her camp ground property.**

**3. Committee Comments**

#### **4. Good and Welfare of the District**

##### **A. Docket No. 1725**

**For the period ending June 30, 2010, Pascoag Utility District disconnected 43 residential standard customers and no residential protected status customers. The average monthly balance was \$116.35 for those that were terminated in the month of June. Pascoag Utility District sent a total of 697 disconnection notices for the period ending June 30, 2010. There were 25 agreements that were broken during this time.**

**Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Choiniere, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

##### **B. NYPA Firm Hydro**

**Ms. Allaire stated that NYPA sent a letter stating that there will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of August. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

##### **C. NEPPA Conference**

**NEPPA conference will be held August 15-18 in Providence.**

##### **D. NEPPA Presentation**

**Mr. Hyland from Northeast Public Power Association came to extend NEPPA's thanks to the Pascoag Utility District for all of their help with the Linemen's Rodeo over the years. He presented the Board with a plaque to thank Pascoag Utility District for their help and support.**

##### **E. Restricted Fund Water Transfer**

**Ms. Allaire stated that for the second time in a year the District had to use some money from that account to pay operating expenses. The**

**water department has every intention of paying that back to the fund but Ms. Allaire wanted to make the Board aware of it.**

#### **F. Internal Position Posting**

**The posting for Ms. Allaire's position has been posted internally and several interviews have been conducted so far.**

#### **G. NPCC Meeting**

**Ms. Allaire and Mr. Blodgett attended a meeting in Shrewsbury, some of the topics discussed were cyber security and under frequency load shedding.**

#### **H. Streetlight Survey**

**Mr. Guertin stated that Mr. Garille will begin the streetlight survey starting on Wallum Lake Rd in the next few weeks.**

#### **I. Thank You**

**Three thank you notes were received. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

- Water and Finance Subcommittee Meeting- June 28, 2010**
- Regular BUC Meeting-June 28, 2010**

**Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

#### **6. Unfinished Business**

##### **10-03 Changes to Charter**

**Mr. Bernstein stated that the charter amendments that the Board voted on were submitted to legislature and were approved by the Senate and House. It was approved by the Governor without**

signature.

#### **10-19 Credit Card Waiver**

**Ms. Allaire stated that the RI Public Utilities Commission has approved the credit card fee waiver. Due to this waiver, it will cost the District less money to process credit card transactions.**

#### **10-21 Wind Evaluation**

**Ms. Allaire stated that the wind study came back with a cost of \$87,000. At this time, it has been put on hold.**

### **7. New Business**

#### **10-23 NIMO Litigation**

**Ms. Allaire stated that the NIMO intervention (Niagra-Mohawk) has been ongoing in regards to a transmission decrease. As out of state allatees Pascoag Utility District has the right to intervene if they want to. Ms. Allaire stated that the consensus at this time is to not intervene and keep an eye on the situation. Ms. Allaire will keep the Board updated.**

### **8. Financial Reports**

**A. Electric Department- not available**

**B. Water Department-not available**

**Motion to table the financial reports to next month made by Mr. Choniere, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

### **9. Executive Session**

**To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing job performance pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1). 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 and subject to the open meeting law.

Mr. Choiniere made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:26 PM.

Mr. Partridge made a motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **10. New Business (continued)**

##### **10- 24 Action Item: GM Salary**

Motion to table made by Mr. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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**Brian Choiniere, Secretary**

**Board of Utility Commissioners**

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**Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary**