

**PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2011

A meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Al Palmisciano, Ann Polacek, Adrien Trudeau, Michael Kogut and Wallace Lees

Members Absent:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment-none at this time**
- 3. Committee Comments-none at this time**
- 4. Good and Welfare**
 - a. Docket No. 1725**

For the period ending January 31, 2011, Pascoag Utility District did not disconnect any residential standard customer or residential protected status customers. Pascoag Electric sent a total of 143 disconnection notices for this period. PUD entered into 7 new written agreements and 101 verbal agreements with its standard customers. PUD has 9 written agreements for customers who qualify for Protected Status. Twenty nine out of 101 short term agreements are delinquent and fourteen out of 31 of the written agreements have been broken during the month of January.

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Boards 101

Ms. Downs presented workshop information on Board Development that is being offered through RI Foundation. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Well #5 Rehab

Mr. Kirkwood stated that our newest well has been having a steady decline in water production over the past few years. A study has been done and has outlined a few reasons as to why the water production has declined. The well is operating at 45 gallons per minute. The recommendation would be to send a scope down into the well to do a visual inspection and to clean up any sediment that might be found. The project would cost roughly \$24,000. Mr. Kirkwood recommended that we may want to allocate funds in next year's water budget for this project.

d. Storm Fund

Mr. Kirkwood would like to make a \$10,000 transfer from the storm fund to pay current expenses that were incurred due to the storm season. Mr. Kirkwood is hoping to start putting money back into the storm fund throughout the year and get the account up to \$50,000.

e. Commissioner Blue Cross Info Sheet

Ms. Cournoyer has created a basic Commissioner info sheet so that she can keep a file on each Commissioner with human resource

related information. She would like each Commissioner to fill out the sheet so that she has their information available to her if she should need it.

f. NECA Conference

Mr. Kirkwood attended a renewable energy conference last month and gave a review of the conference to the Board.

g. Washington DC Trip

Mr. Kirkwood attended the American Public Power Association-Public Power Rally with Ms. Downs and Mr. Garille. District staff was able to meet with Senator Reed and Senator Whitehouse, and with staff members from Representative Ciciline and Representative Langevin to voice their concerns related to public power. Staff discussed their concerns about removing tax exempt status on municipal bonds, clean renewable energy bonds and transmission issues.

h. Cell phone usage

Mr. Palmisciano wanted to discuss what the policy should be if an employee leaves the District and is retained for consulting services whether they should be able to keep their District cell phone until their contract is up.

5. Approval of minutes

• Regular BUC Meeting-January 24, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Lees to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business

11-01 New Legislation

Mr. Kirkwood stated that there are several pieces of legislation that

could be potentially burdensome to the District. Mr. Kirkwood has testified on one piece of legislation that involves termination rules and has sent comments to the Corporations Committee on legislation that would set a limit on any rate increase to 2 ½ % in a multi year period.

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

11-03 RICWFA Project Priority List

Mr. Kirkwood stated that we have applied to be put on the project priority list for the three projects that were discussed. Mr. Guertin will be working with the RI Clean Water Finance Agency this Thursday to file more requirements for the projects.

7. New Business-none

8. Financial Reports

a. Electric Department- December 2010

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Water Department- December 2010

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. Executive Session

To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing job performance pursuant to RIGL 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 meetings law.

Mr. Lees made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Lees made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Wallace Lees, Secretary Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary