

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners Richard Jenks, Wallace Lees

Members Absent: Ann Polacek and Michael Kogut

Also in Attendance: Michael Kirkwood, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Committee Comments**
- 4. Good and Welfare of the District**

A. Docket No. 1725

Ms. LaPorte reviewed the customer shut off information. There were 23 customers terminated in the month of May. Pascoag Utility District sent out 740 disconnection notices. During this period, the average balance was \$262.53. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Exxon Settlement Account

On the money market account there was a deduction of \$13,000 for a group of invoices paid to NWSI and the balance of the account was 1.5 million. The balance of the CD was \$500,000. The account now

stands at around 2 million dollars. Motion to receive and file by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. RIPUC Hearing

Ms. Allaire stated that staff went to the RIPUC for rate relief. The District requested an increase in the standard offer due to an under collection. The Public Utilities Commission approved the request and the rate will go into effect as of July 1st. The standard offer will go up to 7.7 cents per kwhr.

D. RIGNEF Luncheon

Mr. Kirkwood stated that RIGNEF had their end of the year luncheon. The RIGNEF raised \$430,000 this year. The fund provided heating assistance to 2600 Rhode Island families this year.

E. Streetlight Grant

Mr. Kirkwood stated that the Energy Office (Ms. Marion Gold and Mr. Nick Ucci) came out to Pascoag to talk about some of the issues Pascoag Utility faces as a utility. The Energy office allocated some funds to go to energy efficiency projects for the District. Ms. Round put together a proposal to get grant funding for an additional 250 LED streetlights for Pascoag. Ms. Round said the District would know by sometime in July if they were granted the funding for the project.

F. Pension Review

Mr. Kirkwood wanted to report that the District had its annual pension review. The District's pension is funded up to 119%. There is an asset value in the fund of 1.7 million dollars.

G. Consumer Confidence Report

Mr. Kirkwood spoke about the District's annual consumer confidence

report. The upgrades to the water system have improved the water losses and helped the District earn a clean report.

H. NEPPA Rodeo

The NEPPA Rodeo was held last week. Mr. Kimation, a 4th year student was a judge. Mr. Koprusak who is a first year linemen, participated in the events. He completed the “Hurt Man” rescues in 3 minutes.

I. NISC Conversion

Ms. Dolan stated that this was the go live week for the accounting side of the software. Staff continues to be trained in the accounting module of the software and is now using live data.

J. NEPPA Annual Conference

The NEPPA Annual conference will be held in August. Board members are invited to attend.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

- Benefits Subcommittee- May 19, 2014
- Regular BUC Meeting- May 19, 2014

Mr. Lees made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business

A. 13-07 Greenridge/Fernwood

The Greenridge/Fernwood projects are two developments that are

being built on Reservoir Road and South Main Street. Greenridge is a 72 unit townhouse development and Fernwood has 30 units. Initial estimates are already in and Ms. Round will be sending them out to Neighborhood Works. The projects are shovel ready. Neighborhood Works will pay to relocate the water line so the District won't have hardly any downtime on the well.

7. New Business

8. Financial Reports

A. Electric Department- not available

B. Water Department-not available

9. Adjournment

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

Wallace Lees, Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Dolan, Recording Secretary