

2018-12-27
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 27, 2018

LOCATION: SMLD Building
Rear Board Room
50 Main Street
Sterling, MA 01564

BOARD MEMBERS: Joseph Curtin (Curtin), Chairman
Brian Pierce (Pierce), Vice Chairman
Eric Darlington (Darlington) Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Sean Hamilton (Hamilton), Manager

MINUTES: Eric Darlington (Darlington)

ATTENDEES:

5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order, Chairman Curtin stated that the meeting is subject to audio recording and broadcast. **Roll Call Attendance, Curtin present, Pierce present, Darlington present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members in attendance pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pierce made a motion to table item 4c on the agenda, Navajo Nation Electrification, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Hamilton stated there was an outage on Maple Street on Christmas Morning, a tree came down and took out a pole. Hamilton praised the crew for their work in the fact they were able to get a new pole set and power restored in 3-4 hours.
2. Berkshire Phase II billing started this month. SMLD owns 5.23% of the 4.6 MW being built in addition to the 15 MW currently in operation.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Fiber Study Update—Comtrack has started the study and is reviewing the scope and assessing potential revenue streams.
- b. Senior Center Generator Updated –Everything is installed and ready just needs to be tested by commissioning authority. ASI is scheduled to do the commissioning in January.
- c. Navajo National Electrification – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Wage Plan (vote) – Information presented in executive session.
- b. Chocksett Rd Substation Breakers – Eaton is looking to retrofit existing substation to accept new breakers.
- c. Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) Legislation – Consumer Law Foundations (CLF) has filed legislation to get municipal electric departments into the GWSA. GWSA states the need to reduce carbon emissions by 80% from the high of 1993. Hamilton presented members with a draft summary of the proposal. Hamilton stated including our nuclear portfolio, SMLD is currently 86% carbon free.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES – tabled

1. **Pierce made a motion to approve November 1, 2018 Regular Session minutes, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye**
2. **Pierce made a motion to approve November 1, 2018 Executive Session minutes, not to be released Darlington seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye**
3. **Pierce made a motion to approve November 8, 2018 Regular Session minutes, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye**
4. **Pierce made a motion to approve November 8, 2018 Executive Session minutes, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye**
5. **Darlington made a motion to approve December 13, 2018 Regular Session minutes, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye**
6. **Darlington made a motion to approve December 13, 2018 Executive Session minutes, not to be released Pierce seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye**

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Hamilton stated several residents have complimented the Holiday Lights on the Town Common.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Next Meeting January 24, 2019

1. Navajo Nation Electrification
2. Fiber Study
3. Senior Center Generator
4. Contract Negotiation
5. Chocksett Road Breakers
6. GWSA Legislation
7. Rt. 140 Repair

Pierce made a motion to go inter Executive Session (1) under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 21(a), Clause 4 (To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union/nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union/nonunion personnel), only to return to regular session to adjourn, Darlington seconded, no discussion, **Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, no discussion**

6:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:



Eric Darlington, Clerk

DATE:

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BOARD APPROVAL AND RELEASE
