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PEABODY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 24, 2022

A regular meeting of the Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at the Peabody Municipal Light Plant, 201 Warren Street Ext., Peabody, Massachusetts at 6:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Charles Bonfanti, Thomas D'Amato, Raymond Melvin and Thomas Paras; Manager Joe Anastasi, Assistant Manager Bryan Howcroft, Attorney Philip Durkin and Recording Secretary Barbara Previte.

Vice Chairman Paras asked if there were any additions to the agenda and Manager Anastasi stated there are none.

- Agenda Item A: Approval of Agenda:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (4-0):

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Vice Chairman Paras introduced the student government candidates. Kloira Sharka as Chairman who could not attend the meeting and Thomas Davidson, Manager, who attended the meeting.

- Agenda Item B: Announcement:

Vice Chairman Paras acknowledged that this is an open meeting and informed the public that the meeting is being recorded by hand.

- Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (4-0):

22-20 MOVE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022.



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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (4-0):

22-21 MOVE TO APPROVE AND NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022.

- Agenda Item D: Appointments:

- **REMARKS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

Vice Chairman Paras asked if there were any remarks of the general public. Ron Smoller thanked the Manager for the Energy Forum Meeting. He is very encouraged by the meeting. He stated he looked at the Energy New England website and was impressed with their newest battery storage project. Susan Smoller as well thanked the Manager for going above and beyond at the Energy Forum Meeting and is looking forward to the next one. She also handed out two brochures, Applied Economics Clinic's Policy Brief dated February 9, 2022 and an article prepared by Sratagen Consulting entitled "Addendum – Assessment of Potential Alternatives for Project 2015A in Peabody, Massachusetts. Susan stated she would send the link to these articles to Barbara Previte, recording secretary.

- Agenda Item E: Correspondence:

Vice Chairman Paras acknowledged that we received correspondence from a resident, Dan Johnson, regarding PMLP Navajo's Project Donation. Mr. Johnson was happy to hear and see of this donation.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI AND VOTED (4-0):

22-22 MOVE TO RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM DAN JOHNSON RE PMLP'S DONATION TO NAVAJO NATION.

- Agenda Item F Manager's Reports:

STATUS REPORTS:

- **2015-2022 MINUTES** – Manager Anastasi stated that staff has been diligently working on posting the minutes to our website. He stated some still need some tweaking (upside down and sideways) but it is a work in process.



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- **PAYMENT TYPE REPORT** – Manager Anastasi handed out a report that shows how are payments are being applied. Specifically, a question arose about how many drop boxes we have in the City and if it is beneficial for PMLP to maintain such drop boxes. The chart shows that we still have a high percentage of customers who use these boxes. As of today, we are not eliminating any drop boxes.
- **MMWEC UPDATE – ENERGY PROJECTS** – Manager Anastasi introduced Matt Ide, Executive Director of Energy Services and Financial Markets. Matt spoke about the energy portfolio. Specifically, he explained the three components that make up the energy portfolio—capacity, energy and transmission. He spoke about the rapid escalation of transmission costs as well as capacity. He briefly touched upon the regulations whether it is ISO, FERC or Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He spoke about 100 MW battery project and PMLP's share would be approximately 3MW. He showed a snap shot of Peabody's energy portfolio. Matt spoke about renewables. Such as off-shore wind and what needs to happen by 2030. There are lots of moving parts. It is very complex.
- Agenda Item I: Committee Reports:
There being none the meeting continued.
- Agenda Item J: Award of Bids:
There being none the meeting continued.
- Agenda Item I, General Business:
 - **DESIGNATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO MASSACHUSETTS SELF-INSURANCE TRUST**
Manager Anastasi stated that we need a vote designating Joseph Anastasi, Manager of the Peabody Municipal Light Plant, to be the designated voting representative of the PMLP to the Massachusetts Municipal Utility Self Insurance Trust Fund.



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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI WITH COMMISSIONERS BONFANTI, D'AMATO AND PARAS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY AND COMMISSIONER MELVIN VOTING NEGATIVELY BY ROLL CALL (3-1):

22-23 BE IT RESOLVED THAT, JOSEPH ANASTASI, MANAGER, OF PEABODY MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS, THE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PMLP TO THE MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL UTILITY SELF-INSURANCE TRUST FUND AND THAT BRYAN HOWCROFT, ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE PMLP, IS HEREBY RATIFIED AS THE ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PMLP TO TRUST.

Manager Anastasi stated he received a check and informed the Commission that it will be put in the rate stabilization fund. The check is as follows:

- National Grid (\$6,2152.17).
- **REMARKS OF COMMISSION** – Commissioner Melvin is going to work with the subcommittee to pursue green energy. Commissioner Paras is excited about the upcoming year and changes. Commissioner D'Amato is looking forward to growing and hearing ideas. Commissioner Aylward is excited about the upcoming year.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (4-0):

MOVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21(a) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TO DISCUSS TRADE SECRETS OR COMPETITIVELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Vice Chairman Paras declared the Regular portion of the Meeting of March 24, 2022 adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Attest: Charles Bonfanti
Charles W. Bonfanti, Secretary
Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission