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MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 01/17/22

AT 5:00 PM

Commissioners Gedanken/Smith/Prevot/Ambrosino/O'Connell as well as GM Sullivan, CBOS Essary, Ken Nolan and Ken St. Amour from VPPSA, and Attorney Dingedine were all in attendance VIA Zoom.

- Chair Gedanken called meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
- The agenda was modified to add discussion about ribbon cutting dates for H-11 project and specify that preliminary budget information is for review only and there will be no presentation.
- Minutes from the 11/15/21 and 12/20/21 regular Board meetings were approved.
- No public was present.
- Ken Nolan and Ken St. Amour with VPPSA presented information on the AMI project, and details were discussed at length. Discussion included technical aspects of AMI, as well as financing options. No decision was made at this time, but decision needs to be made Mar-Apr time frame. GM Sullivan will prepare a full report, including budget information, for the Board.
- The Board went into executive session to discuss a legal matter at 6:44 PM.
- The Board returned to regular session at 7:03 PM.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to empower GM Sullivan to negotiate with Peisch to remove a problematic paragraph related to email and liabilities, to develop the engagement letter to be signable by GM Sullivan or any member of the Board. Motion seconded by Chair Gedanken. Motion passed.
- The financial report was then presented. Board questions were fully answered.
- 2022 budget will be fully discussed at the 2/21/22 meeting.
- The General Manager's report was then reviewed and discussed. Specific items discussed:
 - Previous HED customer with reported concerns.
 - It was determined that moving the Board Meeting would NOT allow for Financial Reports of the immediate preceding month to be reviewed and prepared for next Board meeting
 - Hardwick Select Board meetings discussion regarding attendance by an HED Commissioner. It was agreed that beginning in February the rotation for each monthly meeting would be Chair Gedanken, Commissioner Ambrosino, Commissioner O'Connell, Commissioner Prevot, Commissioner Smith, GM Sullivan.
- Agenda item H-11 ribbon cutting. GM Sullivan will propose to Julia Leopold, VPPSA, May 23rd for ribbon cutting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Recording Secretary

Date

Commissioner Signature

Date