

**MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 1/15/2024 AT 4:00 PM**

Commissioners Gedanken, Smith, Prevot and Ambrosino were in attendance along with GM Mike Sullivan and CBOS Beth Essary. Also in attendance was Eric Remick, Town of Hardwick Select Board Chair.

In attendance via Zoom:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA  
Heather D’Arcy, VPPSA  
Steve Farman, VPPSA  
Eli Emerson, Attorney

- Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.
- Added to the agenda: (1) Commissioner Prevot requested an Executive Session to discuss an employee matter, (2) Commissioner Gedanken requested a discussion of payment for billing charges for line extension work.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2023 regular board meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Public Comment: Questions/comments from Eric Remick regarding costs for Yellow Barn project were discussed. No action was taken.
- There was a discussion of payment for billing charges for line extensions. No action was taken.
- Heather D/Arcy presented the 2024 Power Supply Budget.
- Steve Farman presented information about 2024 rate increase. Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve a Section 218 (d)(n) rate increase filing of 1.97%. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The General Manager’s report was reviewed.
- The Financial Statements were reviewed.
- The Draft HED 2024 Budget was reviewed.
- An update was provided regarding FEMA funding and Vermont Bond Bank loan status.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss an employee matter. The board went into Executive Session at 6:57 PM.
- The board came out of Executive Session at 7:19 PM. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Ambrosino made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Beth Essary  
Recorded By

4.15.24  
Date

Lynne E. Gedanken  
Commissioner Signature

4/15/24  
Date