

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, General Manager William G. Bottiggi and Joe Bracken, all of BELD. Secretary James Regan arrived at 5:09 p.m.

**I. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

**i. June 15, 2021 Executive Session**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to table the minutes of June 15, 2021 Executive Session meeting. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

**ii. August 19, 2021 Open Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of August 19, 2021 Open Meeting as written. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

**iii. August 19, 2021 Executive Session**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to table the minutes of August 19, 2021 Executive Session meeting. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

**II. Items for Action**

**i. Nelson Chin's Memorial Tournament**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that a request had been sent to the Board regarding the golf tournament being held in Mr. Chin's memory. He continued advertising at a hole is \$150.00. There was discussion on the timing of the tournament and how close it was to the meeting today. There was discussion.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, for Ms. Steele to contact the Chin committee and discuss what our options are at this point. If we are able to advertise at a hole then we will. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

**III. Items for Discussion**

**i. Potter II Update**

Mr. Bracken explained there are many items that we could possibly salvage and sell. We continue to work with Allied Power Group (APG) in TX. Mr. Bracken listed the items and the various prices for each one that we thought we would get. There was discussion.

Mr. Bottiggi reported that he asked Mr. Li to put in the budget for 2023 to do the engineering to get all the transmission controls for Station 16 moved. They are currently in Potter so we will have to put a small building or shed out in the switchyard. Then once the controls are moved we can see about demolishing Potter II. We are hoping to have that move accomplished by the end of 2023 and then in 2024 tear the building down. There was discussion.

Mr. Bottiggi explained that Mr. Bracken had spent the whole day with the insurance company. Mr. Bracken said he walked around with them – it was a comprehensive review and seemed happy. They asked a lot of questions and seemed satisfied.

**ii. Air Source Heat Pump Program**

Mr. Bottiggi explained that this is an incentive program like the ones we have for electric vehicles and thermostats. We have been offering customers \$500.00 per unit up to \$1,000.00 and that has not been enough of an incentive to have people take advantage of this program. There is a group of other munies that are offering \$1,000 per unit up to \$6,000.00. They cost about \$4,500 a piece. Reading Municipal has had a lot of success with that. We would like to have people convert from natural gas and oil to electric heat. The state would like us to do this. We will be doing a soft roll-out so anyone that calls us now we will tell them that is what it is and then in January we will start marketing it. We are working with a company called Abode who will meet with the customer and go through the engineering and explain the process. They have qualified contractors. However, customers should call our energy services department here at BELD first. There was discussion – you do not have to change from gas or oil – you can replace your mini-split with this program as well.

**IV. Personnel Update**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that the changes have taken place in accounting and everything is going well.

**V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)**

**VIII. Tabled Items**

- i. February 9, 2021 Executive Session**
- ii. May 11, 2021 Executive Session**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to keep these minutes tabled.

**IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings**

- i. Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)**

- i. To discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information.**

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Chairman Reynolds announced a Roll Call Vote, for Executive Session to commence directly after the Open Session was adjourned, at 5:19 p.m.:

Mr. Agnitti – yes. Mr. Regan – yes. Mr. Reynolds – yes.

Executive Session commenced at 5:20 pm.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. So voted.

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James P. Regan  
Secretary

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**October 12, 2021**

Attendees: Chairman Thomas Reynolds, Vice-Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan and General Manager William Bottiggi, all of BELD.

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Mr. Bottiggi explained that it looked like Comcast would be ready to close by the end of the month. He continued we have another meeting via zoom on Thursday and BELD's attorney Ms. Lawrence is involved so we are continuing working with them. Mr. Bottiggi said even if we are ready by the end of the month he would not be disclosing this as he wants the employees to know first and he will be away in the first week of November. There was discussion on employees and the announcement. The plan is to announce at the Board Meeting on November 9 and then we will be doing a press release on November 10.

Motion and roll call vote to adjourn from the Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Mr. Agnitti – yes. Mr. Regan – yes                      Mr. Reynolds – yes

Executive Session adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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James P. Regan, Secretary