

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan and General Manager William G. Bottiggi, all of BELD.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. June 13, 2023 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Regan, to accept the minutes of June 13, 2023 Open Meeting as written. So voted.

ii. June 13, 2023 Executive Session Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of June 13, 2023 Executive Session Meeting as written. So voted.

II. Items for Action

i. Ms. Hynes – BELD Alternate Voting Rep for the MA Municipal Utility Self-Insurance Trust Fund

Mr. Bottiggi explained that since Ms. Cohen retired Ms. Hynes has been BELD's representative at the Massachusetts Municipal Utility Self Insurance Trust. This vote will ratify Mr. Bottiggi as the designated voting representative and Ms. Hynes as the alternate voting representative.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to authorize Ms. Hynes to be the alternate voting representative for the Trust. So voted.

ii. Ms. Hynes – Authorize to Sign Payroll/Warrant

Mr. Bottiggi explained occasionally there will be times when he is out of the office and Ms. Teele, who would normally sign, is as well. This would add another signer so we are covered.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to authorize Ms. Hynes to sign the payroll and warrant. So voted.

iii. Mr. Li – Authorize to Sign Purchase Orders Up to \$100,000

Mr. Bottiggi explained that, just as we need additional signers for the payroll or warrant, we need to have an additional signer for purchase orders up to \$100,000.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to authorize Mr. Li to sign for purchases orders up to \$100,000. So voted.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Inventory Energy Program (IEP)

Mr. Bottiggi explained that this is a new winter reliability program by ISO-NE to make sure that the generators that have the ability to store oil and LNG get the fuel and will be paid for it. We are going to join this – we have to have 72 hours worth of oil all the time and they will pay us \$59.00 a megawatt hour total. This works out to \$750,000 that they will pay us if we always have available 500,000 gallons or more of oil. We will have to report every morning after they declare an event. An event happens if it's less than 17 degrees at the Hartford airport on average for 24 hours. There was further discussion.

ii. Winter Forward Reserve

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we have cleared the winter forward reserve. He reminded everyone that the summer forward reserve is from June 1 to September 30 and we cleared it. Now we have cleared the winter forward reserve which is October 1, 2023 to May 30, 2024 as well. This is split between all the entitlement holders so we are 40% of that. There was discussion.

iii. Potter II Demolition

Mr. Bottiggi explained that we are not going to take the whole place down at this point. There is a condenser along the backside of Potter which is getting rusty, the intake which faces the warehouse is getting tired-looking will be taken down. The main stack and heat exchange over by the diesel building will also be part of this. We are going to go out to bid. He continued it is risky to keep those pieces of equipment up because they are rusty and will start to rot. It will open up some space for us to use in other ways. There was discussion.

iv. National Grid/MBTA Electric Bus Charging Facility

Mr. Bottiggi informed the Board that BELD had a call with the MBTA today. We have gone out for bid right now to buy the wire and cable and other things we will need to complete the project. We will give them a new estimate because we had given them one with 2022 prices. We will start doing some work this fall. He explained the wire which will run from Station 10 - Hawthorne Street one way and then up Elm St underground and overhead on Commercial St to the top of Penn's Hill. The wire may take 6 months to come in so that will be done next year. Mr. Bottiggi estimates that by the end of 2024 we will be done with our scope. They are not planning on in-service until the end of 2025 or early 2026.

v. Public Power Week

Mr. Bottiggi told the Board that Public Power Week is the first week of October. We will be doing the annual senior breakfast and the annual BELD day at the Farmers Market. The breakfast will be on Wednesday October 4 and the Farmers Market will be on Saturday October 14th.

vi. Employee Appreciation Day

Mr. Bottiggi told the Board that BELD Employee Appreciation Day is this Friday.

vii. Parking Lot Paving

Mr. Bottiggi explained that we are going out to bid for paving the parking lot – there is a lot of alligator cracking. We will be doing the section closest to the Operations Building. Once that is done we will have it striped again. There was discussion. We would like to have this done by December 1, 2023.

viii. Station 4 Painting

Mr. Bottiggi explained that we are going out to paint Station 4. We will have to have one of our electricians out there. We will be having it painted the same color.

IV. Personnel Update

None.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

Mr. Bottiggi told the Board that our insurance company has sent a letter stating that we should not allow anyone who is not an employee of BELD. He wanted the Board to be aware of this.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VIII. Tabled Items

None.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. October 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

Not Needed.

XI. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. So voted.