



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 27, 2020

The Regular October Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 16 South Golden Street in Norwich, CT.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Staley.

Present in person: Chairman Robert Staley, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Steven Becker, Commissioner Michael Goldblatt and Commissioner William Warzecha. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Laura Huren and John Covey. Jason Vincent from NCDC and Attorney Michael Driscoll were also present. Kerri Kemp, Mark Decker, Josh Gillette and members of NPU staff participated via WebEx.

Item 2: Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. None.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to approve the minutes of the NPU Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Leadership Team Update. Discussion followed.

Item 5. Action Item: Approval of 2021 Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Secretary Becker moved to approve the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule. Unanimously approved.

Item 6. CMEEC Update. Vice Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board regarding CMEEC. Discussion followed.

Item 7. Financial Report. The Financial Report was provided as part of the COVID-19 Presentation.

Item 8. Strategic Presentations. COVID-19 Presentation. Laura Huren presented the Board with information on the impacts of COVID-19 to the financial forecast. Discussion followed.

Collections, Penalties, Deposits, SPA's and Shutoff Presentation. Jeff Brining provided the Board with a presentation regarding special payment arrangements and collections. Discussion followed.

Drought Advisory Level Presentation. Mark Decker updated the Board on the status of NPU's reservoirs during the current drought conditions in the state. Discussion followed.

Retirement Update. Kerri Kemp presented information to the Board regarding the retirement incentive program. Informative.

NCDC Overview. NCDC President Jason Vincent provided the Board with an update on NCDC. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to recess the NPU Board meeting and enter into the Sewer Authority Meeting at 7:27 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The Board meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Item 9. Executive Session – To Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT. General Statutes. This information is commercially valuable, confidential and proprietary and is not public disclosure, pursuant to Public Act No. 98-212. Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Kerri Kemp, John Covey and Josh Gillette were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

Attest:

Steven Becker
Secretary