



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2020

The Regular September Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 22, 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 and Ruth Swift. Senator Cathy Osten and State Representative Kevin Ryan were also present. Members of the NPU Leadership Team participated via WebEx.

Item 2: Secretary Becker, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to adjust the NPU Board agenda to allow for a board member to leave the meeting early. Unanimously approved.

Item 3: Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. None.

Item 4: Senator Osten Proclamation on NPU Storm Response. Senator Cathy Osten and State Representative Kevin Ryan presented NPU with a proclamation and thanked the organization for their efforts in response to Tropical Storm Isaias in August.

Item 5. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to approve the minutes of the NPU Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Unanimously approved.

Item 6. Rate Overview Presentation. Steve Sinko presented the Board with information on the proposed changes to NPU's rates . Discussion followed.

Item 7. Action Item. Approval of Natural Gas, Electric and Water Rates. Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Secretary Becker moved to approve the Natural Gas, Electric and Water Rate Track. Unanimously approved.

Item 8. 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. Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining and Kerri Kemp were asked to stay for Executive Session. Commissioner Goldblatt left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Item 9. Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 10. Quarterly Strategic Update. Discussion followed.

Item 11. CMEEC Update. Chairman Staley and Vice Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board. Discussion followed.

Item 12. Finance & Audit Subcommittee Update. Commissioner Warzecha and Commissioner Goldblatt gave an update to the Board. Informative.

Item 13. Financial Report. The Financial Report was provided as part of the COVID-19 Presentation.

Item 14. Strategic Presentations. COVID-19 Presentation. Laura Huren presented the Board with information on the financial impacts of COVID-19 to the financial forecast. Discussion followed.

Collections, SPA Presentation. Jeff Brining provided the Board with a presentation regarding customer payments and the shut-off moratorium . Discussion followed. Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to adopt option 3 in the presentation and to end the shutoff moratorium on October 1, excluding residential hardship customers. Unanimously approved.

Drought Presentation. Mark Decker updated the board on the status of NPUs reservoirs in light of drought conditions in the state. Discussion followed.

Retirement Update. Kerri Kemp updated the Board on the status of the retirement incentive program. Informative.

Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:18 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

Attest:

Steven Becker
Secretary