

**Light Commissioners' Meeting
October 8, 2013**

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager updated the Board on the status of the 2014 Light Rate Study being done by B.H. Leymaster, Inc. Bruce had by this time completed a third and fourth draft of the cost-of-service rate model necessary to establish the Light Plant's necessary electric rates for 2014. The Manager had had several meetings and phone conversations with Bruce by this time and gathered much information from 2012, the model target year. The proposed rate changes had varied from +4.83% to +1.86% to -3.21% to +3.86, the difference being setting the target revenue to the 2014 Light Budget rather than an arbitrary 3% rate on plant return.

The Manager added that with the net utility plant worth now in the \$13.7M range, a 3% return would yield \$412K above actual cost of service, which would be unnecessarily too much. Instead, the target return had been shifted to the Light Plant's proposed operating budget, which was closer to the cost of service plus a 1% return on plant. The Manager would have Bruce attend the next regularly scheduled meeting with final results to share with the Board.

There had not yet been anything heard back from the N.R.H.S. on their energy audit being proposed by the DOER. The Board had previously stated that they wanted to see some kind of audit estimate or project scope before committing the Light Plant to a \$5K commitment, and the Manager had asked for this. He would check back with Bill Clabaugh on the matter. The Manager had provided copies of invoices for the both sets of gymnasium lighting to Bill Clabaugh at his request so that they could prepare the application for the DOER Audit for the N.R.H.S.

New Business:

The Superintendent had received some price quotes on the repairs needed for the wind turbine blades ranging from \$13K to \$18K. Both he and the Manager felt that these quotes were, like everything else wind, excessive. They would wait to hear back from at least one other vendor who performs this type of repair work before moving forward with the repair. The Manager expressed his disbelief at the expense suggested to repair a hole in one the blades that was roughly the size of a dime. But he also stated that it would be crucial to cover this hole before the wet weather really began, since water trapped inside that would freeze and thaw would be problematic.

The Manager updated the Board o the status of the open Lead Lineman position and the open Groundman position at the Light Plant. He was confident that the Lead Lineman spot would be filled in-house and that there would be no need to look outside the organization to fill it. The Manager and the Superintendent would be picking a few of the nearly 60 applicants for in-house interviews for the Groundman position. A decision would be made by month's end.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager