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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of Sept 3, 2019.

Present: Board members Tony Meola, Win Handy, and Denny Smith, and, GM Jonathan Fitch, were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Commissioner Smith.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda as posted.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from June 11, 2019.

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed and discussed the attached income statement through June 2019 and bank balances through July 31, 2019. Commissioner Meola asked GM Fitch what is WBMLPs annual salary budget. GM Fitch told the Board that WBMLPs annual salary expense is approximately \$900,000. The salary expenses are allocated to all the expense codes on the attached income statement. Commissioner Meola requested to review the year to year income statement comparison at the next meeting.

Tennis Court Lighting: GM Fitch informed the Board that (16) New LED lighting for the tennis courts would cost approximately \$1,200 each. These LED fixtures would consume about half the energy as the existing HPS fixtures.

Commissioner Meola made a motion to approve funding the replacement of the fixtures with new LED fixtures. Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0, approving the project to replace the MH fixtures with new energy efficient LED fixtures.

Fiber Backbone: GM Fitch provided a brief update on the fiber project. Shrewsbury, Boylston, West Boylston, and Sterling ordered the material for the project to install a fiber backbone thru each territory. WBMLP is responsible for purchasing and installing 6 miles of 432 ADSS fiber and hardware along Route 140 from Boylston to Sterling.

Flywheel Energy Storage System (FESS) ACES Grant: GM Fitch provided a brief update on the FESS project. The metering and verification equipment was installed last week, which completes the construction phase of the project.

WBMLP will schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony in October. WBMLP is actively managing the FESS charge and discharge cycles to reduce our system peak load at the twelve National Grid monthly coincidental transmission peaks and ISO-NE annual coincidental capacity peak.

MLP GGES Standard/Legislation: GM Fitch told the Board that HB2863 is still in Committee at the State House and it sets greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals known as the “Municipal Lighting Plant GGES.” WBMLPs shall set the minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold by each MLP to all retail end-user customers as follows: (1) seven percent by 2021; (2) forty percent by 2030; (3) sixty percent by 2040; and (4) eighty percent by 2050.

WBMLPs existing large-scale hydro and nuclear energy complies with the GGES standard. The GGES standard provides WBMLP time to change its energy portfolio and help the Commonwealth reach its GHG emission reduction goal of 80% by 2050.

Building Renovations: GM Fitch told the Board that he IFB was published and bids are due by 10:00am September 10, 2019.

Other: Commissioner Smith asked the Board to consider discussing and reviewing the GMs performance at one of the next meetings.

Commissioner Handy suggested we begin planning the 9-11 remembrance ceremony in 2021. Commissioner Handy requested GM Fitch to contact Worcester Sound and Light to rent two spots lights for the Old Stone Church.

Commissioner Meola requested WBMLP to install holiday wreaths around the common versus decorating trees. The Board agreed to the wreaths. GM Fitch will get a sample wreath to review.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. The next meeting is 5:00pm, October 1, 2019.

Tony Meola

Denny Smith

Win Handy