

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2020
7:00 PM

The Board and public were invited to attend through a Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Chair Ted Olson, Leonard McCosh, Dale Nicholls, Lorna Larsen, Kelly Larsen, Council Liaison Richard Wheeler

Board Members Excused: Don Thompson, Public Works Director Chad Parry

Staff Present: Power Superintendent Cory Daniels, Shaun Kjar City Manager, Secretary Candice Maudsley

Others Appearing:

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, May 14, 2020, through Zoom Meeting. Utilities Board Chair Ted Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 12, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member McCosh moved to approve the March 12, 2020 Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lorna Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT NET METERING AGREEMENT

Dale Nicholls was concerned with the wording on the Net Metering License Agreement Recitals concerning emergency disconnect. The wording was understood after discussion. The generator systems will not be allowed on the City system. The Net Metering documents include all forms of Net Metering, not just solar. There is a typo in the last “whereas” that needs to be fixed. The inspection of the completed solar system would be done by the County before being connected to the City system. The wording will be duplicated in the application and agreement. The resident will need to sign the application, agreement, obtain the City Zoning Permit, and a County Building Permit. Production meters will be paid for by the City if the City would like one installed.

Board Member Lorna Larsen moved to accept the Net Metering License Agreement revisions made. The motion was seconded by Board Member Leonard McCosh. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT SYSTEM REQUIREMENT FORMS

The Board discussed equipment being UL approved. It was determined that all inverters installed to date have been a UL-1741. Battery banks will no longer be listed under other related systems. The document has an illustration on page four showing a typical system diagram. The disconnect switch must always be available to Ephraim City Power.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to accept the Net Metering System Requirements with revisions made and recommend it to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lorna Larsen. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT NET METERING LICENSE APPLICATION

The Board reviewed the application. It will be attached to the Net Metering Agreement. The applicants will be attending a class that will educate them concerning interconnection with the City system. The word *contractor* will be changed to *electrical contractor*.

Board Member Leonard McCosh moved to accept the Net Metering License Application with revisions made and recommend it to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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UAMPS – All the meetings for the past eight weeks have been online meetings. This has slowed the processes down.

New Board Member- Kelly Larsen has been appointed as a new Utilities Board Member and was recognized by the Board.

Dale Nicholls

Commercial or Residential – Most cities define any building larger than a duplex as commercial.

IV. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Cory Daniels, Power Director

HYDRO – The Hydro is performing well and is producing approximately 70% of the load.

New Lineman Job – Brian Thomson has left the City to work for Salem City. Interviews have been done and a top applicant has been chosen. He has no experience and will start out as an apprentice lineman.

Commercial and Student Housing Solar – Andy Davis, an owner of student housing, would like to be on the agenda for the next Utilities Board Meeting. He would like to express his intentions for solar on his apartment complexes. The next meeting the commercial solar will be discussed. Cory and Chase will have a meeting this week.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director (Report by Shaun Kjar)

Water Supply - The well was turned on for a few days. This is a very average year for water. It is hoped that there will be more rainfall.

Budgets- The budgets are being prepared for the next fiscal year. The Utility Board requested the budgets for water, sewer and electricity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member Leonard McCosh moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dale Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on June 11, 2020, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Ted Olson, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Candice Maudsley, Secretary

Date