

The City of Provo
Department of Energy
Minutes of the Provo City Energy Board Meeting
September 13, 2021
Meeting Hosted in person and via ZOOM

Energy Board Members

Ned Hill
Cheryl Taylor
Gary Winterton
Julie Radle
George Stewart
Jeff Rose

City Staff & Administration

Travis Ball Tad Smallcomb
Kat Linford Wayne Parker
Charlie Fuller Marcus Draper
Scott Bunker

Municipal Council & Staff

David Shipley

Welcome & Introduction

Chairman Ned Hill conducted the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Cheryl Taylor motioned to approve the minutes from April 12, 2021. Julie Radle seconded, all approved. (6:0)

Financial Report

Charlie Little gave the financial report for the last several months. Overall, the operating budget came in under 90% of the budget, 3% short for operating revenues, with a small surplus for FY21. As per usual, we did not spend the full CIP budget with the plan to save and carry forward for big projects in the future.

KPI Report

Charlie summarized the KPI's for June and July. There was a deficit recorded in May and June before the hotter summer months but ended with a surplus.

APPA National Conference Reports

Several Board members attended the APPA National Conference and offered a brief summary of their takeaways from each of the meetings they attended. Some topics included:

Customer Education/We (Provo Power) should tell our story
Cyber Security importance - are we prepared?
Rate Design/Demand Charges
Energy Storage
Environmental Projects
Legislation, both on local and national levels
Bond Reforms/Structures
Broadband infrastructure/use of bail out money
EV/Municipality load factor & demand
Utility Resilience

Manager Report

Travis Ball gave a report on the following:

- After a lot of negative customer interaction regarding net metering, Kat worked with Channel 17 to create an educational video of how net metering works in Provo. Customers are now required to watch this before they can finish their application for net metering.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAgQv7AYNw&t=4s>
- A meeting was held with the sustainability committee and UMPA today to discuss incentives for heat pumps to replace furnaces which would help reduce natural gas pollution in our communities. We still need to investigate further with some HVAC companies and determine the right type of incentives and messaging.

Calendaring and Scheduling

A tour has been scheduled to go to the Mona power plant on Wednesday, September 15th. If anyone is interested in attending, please join us at 7:30am

Next board meeting: October 4, 2021.

Thanksgiving Luncheon: November 17, 2021

Christmas Luncheon: December 15, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.