



## ROCHELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday November 18th, 2015

The Rochelle Utility Advisory Board met on November 18th, 2015 at 3:00 pm at the RMU Technology Center, 910 Technology Parkway.

### Present at the meeting:

Bob Elliott	UAB Chair	Dave Plyman	City Manager
Richard Ohlinger	UAB	Chet Olson	Mayor (by phone)
Claude McKibben	UAB	Dan Westin	RMU
Dan Lundquist	UAB	Jason Bird	RMU
Dan Carmichael	UAB	Adam Lanning	RMU
Joe Orlikowski	UAB	Barbara Bell	RMU

### Public:

Kathy Hollonbeck (Council member)

(Also see posted material and operational reports on RMU.NET website, UAB page)

**1. Roll Call:** Present: Bob Elliott, Richard Ohlinger, Claude McKibben, Dan Lundquist, Dan Carmichael, Joe Orlikowski

### **2. Introduction of new Board Members**

UAB Chair introduced Dan Carmichael and Joe Orlikowski as new UAB board members.

### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: To approve the UAB meeting minutes dated September 16th, 2015

MAKER: McKibben SECOND: Ohlinger

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

### **4. Economic Development Update:** Tabled

### **5. Customer Service Update - Incentives**

Barbara shared status of Summer Saver/Time of Use rate's (115) positive impact on residential savings, incentives use and the account receivables status.

135 residential customers subscribed to the Time of Use rate. Average savings \$ 35 per month.

It was recommended to have all eligible residential customers on the Time of Use rate.

Barbara also shared status on accounts receivables write offs, and programs for collections.

Barbara and Dan also shared update on the roof top HVAC incentive.

## **6. Water/WaterRec status**

Adam Lanning provided a comprehensive report of the status of W/WRec.

See report on RMU website for UAB.

There was a question as to why other operating revenues were changing year over year. Chris Cardott was not able to attend for financial updates.

Action was taken to provide an answer on the issue of the changing Other Revenues.

Key project areas covered were; Well 12, RCH Water Main Replacement, RCHS Sanitary Sewer Relocation project, NPDES Permit Application Progress, Landfill Leachate Project, Excess Flow Lagoon, Hillcrest Sewer Connection, Sanitary Sewer System1 Project and the Anaerobic Lagoon Project.

## **7. Advanced Communications update:**

Scott Koteski: Rochelle hospital has completed the move of servers to the technology center. All fiber routing and internet services have been moved to the facility. Billing will begin this month. PharmaCan services have been completed they are now supplying video feed to the State of Illinois from the Hillcrest site. We are also engaged in conversation about collocation of their video archives at the technology center. This would become the hub for their network and all archives.

Brightfarms temporary internet has been completed.

Collocation:

Follett performed a security audit of all their collocation facilities last month. Our facility passed all requirements. They have requested 2 additional cameras in their collocation space. They also have stated they could be moving additional services to our building.

Equipment:

The MAS server has been returned from the manufacturer, the Raid card was found to be affecting the server. This has been replaced and we will be putting the server back in service next week.

We continue to deal with our 5.8 wireless services. The interference on that network continues to grow.

The value of the Tech Center building was discussed.

## **8. Electrical Enterprise Status**

Dan Westin reviewed the six month status of finances. The trend compared to last year's first six months is positive.

The impact from the FERC tariff was reviewed as to connection with the PCA.

The results of the RMU audit were reviewed.

Jason Bird reviewed status on electric distribution operations projects: 5kV upgrade including the option for the customer to have last part underground (secondary service to their house), Frontier-

Comcast underground discussions, Caron Rd Substation progress and the Brightfarms project.

The new approach for inventory efficiency was also reviewed.

Staffing status covered: Warehouse manager hired, SCADA position for replacement of personnel that left, assistant superintendent position, linemen apprentice positions to be filled, including union discussions as required for e.g. fiber installation costs to be reduced.

The topic of a bucket truck was also reviewed.

Recent reliability data was also reviewed.

SCADA upgrade project has started with finalizing the requirements for the various topics of distribution, PJM, generation plants and such.

Dan Westin reviewed the status of transmission operations and asset evaluation.

- 9. New Business:** Dates for UAB meetings 2016 had been distributed before the meeting for comments by board members. Feedback to be provided by email.
- 10. Comments from the board:** Mr. Orlikowski queried as to the plans for the Steward Rd transmission line, Mr. Westin responded that the plan is to place this in second half of 2016 given the tariff calendar year planning.
- 11. Comments from the Public:** None
- 12. Adjournment:**

MOTION: To adjourn at 5:04 p.m.

MAKER: Mr. Orlikowski SECOND: Mr. McKibben

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Submitted By Dan Westin