



## ROCHELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday, July 15, 2015

The Rochelle Utility Advisory Board met on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the RMU Technology Center, 910 Technology Parkway.

Present at the meeting:

Bob Elliott UAB Chair  
Richard Ohlinger UAB  
Claude McKibben UAB  
Jim Black UAB

Dave Plyman City Manager  
Chet Olson Mayor  
Dan Westin RMU  
Jeff Sartorius RMU  
Adam Lanning RMU  
Chris Cardott City

**1. Roll Call:** Present: Bob Elliott, Richard Ohlinger, Claude McKibben, Jim Black

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: To approve the UAB meeting minutes dated April 8th, 2015

MAKER: Black           SECOND: McKibben

VOICE VOTE:           Motion carried

**3. Customer Service Update**

Referred to slides on RMU web site as Ms. Bell was not able to attend.

**4. Economic Development Update:** Jason Anderson reviewed Project Green and MightyVine, both hydroponic projects. The status of unit train (single destination) opportunities was also reviewed. This provides possibilities for cold storage expansion and rail extension to the southeast to stage trains.

**5. Water/WaterRec status**

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

See enclosed report.

The financials were too early in the fiscal year to be informative and were dispensed with.

**6. Advanced Communications update:**

Scott updated on upcoming business; MightyVine contract signed. Marijuana plant contract agreed to, Hillcrest village hall has been finished, as well as residentials at Squires Landing. Dark fiber agreement finalized with AT&T for Allstate. New roof has been installed on the tech center.

Hospital has signed a contract to use the Verizon space.

## **7. Electrical Enterprise Status**

Jeff reviewed status of current projects. Caron Road substation upgrade is moving along well; most equipment is purchased. Transformer to be delivered mid September.

5 kV project has been delayed for other priorities; expect to resume later in the year. Council approved a control building for the gen sets added. This is for automation control from the generation plant.

Central School new geo-thermal system (northwest corner of the property) required a new transformer.

RCH directional boring to start momentarily. Pharmacon project is 85 % complete.

Two new line apprentices were hired.

Dan reported on the tariff project where training and compliance with PJM and Reliability First/NERC are current priorities. Gridforce has been engaged as the PJM/NERC certified transmission control center. PJM integration is moving along very well with intense focus on telemetry and scada interconnects. PJM and COMED have been very supportive.

Mr. Ohlinger inquired as to how the tariff money comes in. Mr. Westin explained how the credits from PJM will be directed to RMU depreciation account and the lowering impact on PCA.

The transmission asset options were mentioned briefly.

NIMPA direction was reviewed.

The potential solar plant (at landfill) /PPA project was reviewed as well as adding more gen sets at Caron Road.

Mr. McKibben commented on the July 1 RMU interview on WRHL Let the People Know as being very informative and useful.

**8. New Business: None**

**9. Comments from the board:** Board and the City thanked Jim Black for his service on the board.

**10. Comments from the Public: None**

**11. Adjournment:**

MOTION: To adjourn at 4:58 p.m.

MAKER: Mr. McKibben SECOND: Mr. Black

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Submitted By Dan Westin