



ROCHELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday September 16th, 2015

The Rochelle Utility Advisory Board met on September 16th, 2015 at 3:00 pm at the RMU Technology Center, 910 Technology Parkway.

Present at the meeting:

Bob Elliott UAB Chair
Richard Ohlinger UAB
Claude McKibben UAB
Dan Lundquist UAB

Dave Plyman City Manager
Chet Olson Mayor
Dan Westin RMU
Jeff Sartorius RMU
Adam Lanning RMU
Jason Anderson City
Jason Bird RMU
Barbara Bell RMU

- 1. Roll Call:** Present: Bob Elliott, Richard Ohlinger, Claude McKibben, Dan Lundquist
- 2. Approval of Minutes:**
MOTION: To approve the UAB meeting minutes dated July 15th, 2015
MAKER: McKibben SECOND: Ohlinger
VOICE VOTE: Motion carried
- 3. Economic Development Update:** Jason Anderson reviewed current economic development projects.
- 4. Introduction of new Superintendent Electrical Operations**
City Manager David Plyman introduced Jason Bird as the new superintendent of electrical operations.
- 5. Customer Service Update - Incentives**
Barbara shared status of Summer Saver/Time of Use rate's 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.
Dan shared update on the roof top project status.
- 6. Water/WaterRec status**
Adam Lanning provided a comprehensive report of the status of W/WRec.
See report on RMU website for UAB. Capital requirements will be massive for replacement of failing water mains. Predictive analysis as to likely next water main breaks will be part of next steps. Chris Cardott was not able to attend for financial updates.

7. Advanced Communications update:

Plyman updated on Mightyvine as to comms, Pharmaconn has fiber from RMU.

8. Electrical Enterprise Status

Jason Bird reviewed status on electric distribution operations projects. Jason Bird and Jeff Sartorius reviewed the newly started breaker and relay maintenance per the coordination study. In addition status was provided on the 5kV upgrade. RMU crews are pulling wire in the 5kv-13.8kv underground conversion project.

Blink management will be improved.

Caron Rd Substation progress was updated. Siemens equipment is now on site.

Dan Westin provided an update as to the first three months comparative financial performance. As well as an overview of the strategic direction for the electrical enterprise including a tornado analysis for risk exposure. In addition an update as to status of NIMPA, Jason Bird is now alternate board member. The uncollected charges (ECA) have been brought down and will be zero as of January 1st 2016.

Dan Westin reviewed the business case for an additional 6 MW of generation at the Caron Rd site.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation by RMU staff for an additional 6 MW of generation at the Caron Rd site.

MAKER: Mr. Ohlinger SECOND: Mr. McKibben

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

- 9. New Business:** City Manager updated the board on the need for replacement of Jeff Sartorius. A discussion followed on the progress of the bio gas plant. City Manager also updated the direction of Dan Westin managing generation and transmission planning.

10. Comments from the board: None

11. Comments from the Public: None

12. Adjournment:

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

MAKER: Mr. Elliott SECOND: Mr. McKibben

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried

Submitted By Dan Westin