

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan, General Manager William G. Bottiggi, Ken Stone, and Jack Orpen, all of BELD and Anthony Louis Agnitti, citizen.

**I. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

**i. September 3, 2019 Open Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of September 3, 2019 Open Meeting as written.

**II. Items for Action**

**i. PPAs**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that recently a gas organization requested all of our Purchase Power Agreements (PPAs). He continued: in conversations with Ms. Lawrence, BELD's attorney, it makes sense to make these confidential. They are competitively-sensitive: we do not want other people to know the deals we get. Ms. Lawrence said this would require a Board vote to make our PPAs not able to be released to the public and this would be based upon the Board's determination that disclosure would adversely affect the ability of BELD to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling, or distributing electric power and energy pursuant to MGL Chapter 164.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to declare all current and future PPAs confidential to protect trade secrets, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information. So voted.

**ii. Light Up Navajo II (LUN II)**

Mr. Bottiggi explained that last year 4 municipal utilities sent linemen crews to Navajo Nation. The Navajo people live desolate lives – 15,000 homes do not have electricity. Navajo Electric cannot afford to borrow the money because the people couldn't afford to pay the bills. The current electric customers pay \$600 on average per year for electricity as it is. Wally Haus is the head of the utility and was president of APPA last year and he started up an effort which is becoming successful: he asked public power companies from around the country to volunteer and go out and help. Mr. Bottiggi stated BELD is constrained by Mass General Law so we cannot donate our time to other utilities but we can send employees away for employee development. He continued: what he would like to do is to send 2 linemen at a time to Navajo Nation to work for 1-2 weeks and they would get paid straight time from BELD as it is employee development/training. The linemen would donate all the overtime – they work long days on these kinds of projects. There would be others out there at the same time and they all work 16-18 hour days. Mr. Bottiggi said he had a video of what the people who went there last year experienced. There was discussion.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti to authorize BELD to send crews out, at straight time, to help the Navajo Nation to bring electricity to their residents. So voted.

**III. Items for Discussion**

**i. Fireking Update**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that Fireking is up and running – everything has been transferred over from his old facility to the new.

He continued we still have a long way to go with the distributed generation over at 175 Campanelli. The units have been delivered but now Tangent needs to get it all permitted. It will be at least until the end of the year until one gets going. Mr. Regan asked about the gas company – Mr. Bottiggi said there were upgrades that have to be made so both units can run. The gas company agreed to do the first one this fall and the gas will come in from Granite Street and Campanelli Drive – it is all low pressure. Fireking has enough gas to run his business but not enough to run his business and one of the units. There was discussion on what other business will be in that area as well.

**ii. Diesel Generator Building Update**

Mr. Bottiggi reminded everyone that this is on our property here at Potter Road. There was a close-out meeting today: the units are commissioned and they are running but there is a punch list of things that have to be done. The biggest issue is noise – the louvre is open and it is too loud down there so Tangent is going to hire a noise specialist and not just use our meters. Then we will put a mitigation plan together to knock the noise down. You cannot hear it from the admin building area but they can probably hear it across the river so we want to get ahead of it.

**iii. Potter II Update**

Mr. Bottiggi said Potter is going to participate in the substitution auction in February/March timeframe. We are looking into other options like replacing it with batteries but Potter II is going to be here for at least another 5 years. It has been called to run twice in the last 2 years. In response to a question from Mr. Agnitti, Mr. Bottiggi said we still get capacity payments for it and it costs us very little. He continued Potter has a positive value – Watson has a negative but that is because of the bonds. Once they are paid off it will be worth a lot of money. Mr. Reynolds asked if the amount for the two times that Potter was called was relatively low – Mr. Bottiggi said yes, just fuel and some overtime. It costs us very little to have Potter. There was discussion.

**IV. Personnel Update**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that Mr. Bracken has been promoted to the Production Division Manager since the retirement of Mr. Coyne. He continued we have an open position at the plant for an I&C Tech.

**V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that Mike Lang, a member of the East Braintree Civic Association would like us to put the Weymouth gas compressor issue on the agenda in November.

**VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VIII. Tabled Items**

None.

**IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings**

**i. Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

**X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**XI. Adjournment**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the Electric Division meeting at 5:35 p.m. So voted.

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James P. Regan  
Secretary

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan, General Manager William G. Bottiggi, and Ken Stone, all of BELD and Anthony Louis Agnitti, citizen.

**I. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

**i. June 18, 2019 Executive Session**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of June 18, 2019 Executive Session as written. So voted.

**ii. September 3, 2019 Open Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of September 3, 2019 Open Meeting as written. So voted.

**iii. September 3, 2019 Executive Session**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of September 3,, 2019 Executive Session as written. So voted.

**II. Items for Action**

None.

**III. Items for Discussion**

**i. Internet Update**

Mr. Bottiggi said we announced that we are cutting the cord, put together a good marketing strategy and it has been taken positively. We have been getting calls, walk-ins to the lobby and about half say they are going to stay with us. Our customer service people are talking with them regarding this and there have been demos taking place in the lobby. We have scheduled about 14% of the swap-overs and there are about 20% of the people who say they are going to leave us. We are getting new customers as well. We hope these numbers will stay the same. In reference to a question from Mr. Agnitti, Mr. Bottiggi said we have no capacity for how many customers we can provide service to. He continued but we do have a capacity for how many truck rolls we can do before we exit the video business. Therefore we are encouraging people to self-install. We are keeping Roku sticks in stock and also wifi extenders temporarily. There was discussion on channels and expenses for the equipment.

**IV. Personnel Update**

None.

**V. Old Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

None.

**VII. Public Participation**

None.

**VIII. Tabled Items**

**i. Minutes of March 7, 2019 Executive Session Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti to take from the table the minutes of March 7, 2019 Executive Session Meeting. So voted.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti to accept the minutes of March 7, 2019 Executive Session meeting. So voted.

**ii. Minutes of May 14, 2019 Open Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti to take from the table the minutes of May 14, 2019 Open Meeting. So voted.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti to accept the minutes of May 14, 2019 Open Meeting. So voted.

**IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings**

**i. November 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

**X. Executive Session**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Broadband Division meeting at 5:44 p.m. So voted.