

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, 5:00pm, July 11, 2023

The meeting began at 5:13pm.

Present: Commissioners Tony Meola and Jim Pedone were present. GM Fitch, Assistant GM Allen, and Office Manager/Accountant Chris Trudeau were present.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda without any changes or corrections.

Meeting Minutes: The Board did not review and approve meeting minutes.

Customer Issues: None were discussed.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): The Board and staff discussed the BESS project approved on January 20, 2023. The Board had approved the MMWEC BESS project with Delorean. The project was based on a 3MW/9MWh BESS that would generate approximately \$4.3M in NPV over 20 years, with Delorean and WBMLP sharing 52/48% the transmission and capacity cost savings generated from this project.

GM Fitch told the Board that negotiations to finalize the contracts have not been successful and it's time to consider and select the next best alternative.

Convergent is proposing the same size 3MW/9MWh BESS that would generate approximately \$3.75-\$5.7M in NPV over 20 years. Delorean and WBMLP will share 68.1%/31.9% the transmission and capacity cost savings generated from this project. Most of the annual savings will be used to fully cover our monthly principal and interest payments for the new garage when it's financed over 10-15 years.

GM Fitch requested Board approval to work with Convergent, the runner up to Delorean, execute the contract documents, and start the project by August 2023.

Commissioner Meola made a motion to approve the BESS project with Convergent. Commissioner Pedone seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted 2-0 approving the motion.

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29 Prospect Street Garage Project: Assistant GM Allen provided the Board with a project update.

Fast DC Level III Charger: Assistant GM Allen provided the Board with a project update.

Millstone Nuclear Project: GM Fitch let the Board know that Millstone tripped off-line May 30th, due to grounding on generator B phase. The plant returned to service on June 28th.

Power Supply Hedges: The Board and staff discussed energy supply and hedges. WBMLP continues to monitor the energy market and expects to make an additional purchase over the next couple of months to reduce our open position in 2024 to 10%.

NISC Enterprise Software: Staff let the Board know the transition to the new NISC hosted enterprise system was underway and it is taking a significant amount of time to review existing processes and compare them to the new processes. This affects every aspect of our business but ultimately it will automate and streamline many of our existing processes.

The Board reviewed and discussed the attached example of a new electricity bill that will be used in January/February 2024 timeframe.

School Roof with Solar Grant: WBMP is waiting for the solar roof grant budget to get included and approved in the MA FY24 budget. This program is designed to provide grants to K-12 public schools for clean energy infrastructure projects, including grants for rooftop repair or replacement to prepare for a solar project. WBMLP will work with the school on the grant application and interconnection.

2015A Project Update: The Board discussed the ongoing joint MLP project to install a 55MW natural gas capacity and balancing resource. The project is almost complete. All major components are installed. There was a short delay in startup, but WBMLP expects the plant to be operational by late July 2023.

Fiber to the Premise: Staff and Board discuss providing internet through a fiber network. WBMLP finished most of our ArcGIS mapping. We have every utility pole, customer meter, and underground/overhead distribution line located on GIS.

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This information will help design a high-level fiber plant and cost estimate to install fiber throughout town, including using the fiber we already installed.

WBMLP received a proposal from “Sertex Broadband Solutions” to prepare a high level FTTX network design and project cost estimate to install a network that delivers high speed internet service throughout town. The cost is \$11,780.00 to prepare the design and cost estimate.

Commissioner Pedone made a motion to approve spending \$11,780 on a high-level design and cost estimate for a fiber to the premise network. Commissioner Meola seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0 approving the motion.

The meeting ended at 5:50pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Jim Pedone