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2 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

3 **WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION**

4 100 JOHN STREET

5 WALLINGFORD, CT

6 Tuesday, April 21, 2020

7 6:30 P.M.

8 **MINUTES**

9 **The meeting was held via teleconference. In attendance were:**

10 Chairman Robert Beaumont (TC); Commissioners Patrick Birney and Joel Rinebold (TC);
11 Director Richard Hendershot (TC); Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri (TC),
12 Office Manager Tom Sullivan (TC); Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake
13 (TC); Office Manager William Phelan (TC); Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo (TC). (TC-
14 TELECONFERENCE)

15 *members of the public – none*

16 Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was
17 recited.

18 **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

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20 **2. Discussion and Action: PUC – Annual Reorganization**

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22 **Motion to Elect Mr. Robert Beaumont as Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission:**

23 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

24 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

25 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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27 **Motion to Elect Mr. Patrick Birney as Vice-Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission:**

28 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

29 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

30 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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32 **Motion to Elect Mr. Joel Rinebold as Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission:**

33 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

34 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

35 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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3. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and approve Minutes of March 17, 2020
- b. Consider and approve Electric Division Budget Transfer – A/C 932
- c. Consider and approve Water Division Budget Transfer – Misc. General Expense
- d. Consider and approve Sewer Division Budget Transfer – Maintenance of Treatment Equipment

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

Made by: Mr. Birney

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

5. Discussion and Action: Approval of Director’s Report for the Month of March 2020

Mr. Birney commented on the first paragraph of the Director’s Report in regards to Covid-19. He stated that it would be great for the public and the record to include the hard work of the team in the report.

Mr. Hendershot responded that we have gotten as creative as can be in breaking up the workers. This included splitting operations and keeping workers away from each other and the public. As of now there is still communication with the public in both buildings. The public is still allowed to pay their bills in person, however they do need to call ahead of time and there is only one person allowed in the building at a time. This has not slowed the public down. There is still a lot of cash that is being handled.

Mr. Buccheri stated that the Electric Division has purchased a drop box safe for payments. This is available outside of the door every day.

Mr. Hendershot stated that over the weekend the Electric Division had a deep/disinfecting cleaning preformed in all of the vehicles and throughout the office. The Water/Sewer Division had done similar things previous to this.

Mr. Amwake stated that similar actions have been taken in the Water/Sewer Division in regards to Covid-19. The shifts have been staggered both at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the operations at 377 South Cherry Street. The building is locked to the public but there are still customers who come and pay their bills in cash. There will be a cleaning of the building and vehicles this weekend as well as next week. A walk thru is scheduled tomorrow with the vendor. Access to homes have been suspended. The programs being stopped include the meter change out program as well as inflow infiltration inspection program. The staff has been reassigned to other tasks. One item being addressed is the Water Quality Sampling Points specifically the sites located in private Business Enterprises. The DPH has provided guidance with this and every week this is being addressed.

83 Mr. Hendershot commented that they are doing everything they can with the tools they have.
84 Mr. Rinebold requested for more information on the bids to replace the underground oil storage
85 tank at Pistapaug in regards to Item No. 5-2 at the bottom of the page. Mr. Amwake responded
86 that this is a Water Division Project. This is to replace the existing underground oil storage tank
87 that is original to the Pistapaug Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Amwake commented that he will
88 have to follow up with exact financials as he does not have these in front of him. The project is
89 moving forward. A project meeting was held last week outside that was limited to four people.
90 As of now the project is waiting on the delivery of the above ground pre-cast storage tank.

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92 Mr. Birney referenced Item No. 5-16 the Locational Marginal Price Spreads. Mr. Birney
93 questioned on why there is a benefit number of \$16,641.67 and why there are negative numbers
94 under Adjusted Net Interchange and Nodal Value Columns? Mr. Hendershot responded that in
95 order to get the answer that Mr. Birney is looking for; Mr. Hendershot would need to direct the
96 question to Craig Keeney. Mr. Hendershot commented that the spreadsheet has to do with price
97 of energy at the nodes vs where the load is located and the different locational marginal prices at
98 the times of delivery.

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100 **Motion to approve the Director's Report**
101 **Made by: Mr. Birney**
102 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**
103 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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105 **6. Discussion: WPCF Upgrades Project**
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107 Mr. Amwake reviewed the logistics and administrative. The Fire Marshal's Office approved the
108 project for issuance of a building permit by the local Building Office.

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110 Mr. Amwake reviewed the building and facility construction. He stated that the hydrostatic test
111 for the Anaerobic Basin (AB) has been completed. The AB passed both the quantitative
112 (measurable leakage) and the qualitative (no visible leakage from hairline cracks or tie holds
113 following repairs) tests. The next step is to backfill around the perimeter of the AB, and begin to
114 remove the sheeting along the western, northern and eastern sides of the tank.

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116 Ninety-eight percent (±) of the concrete at the Intermediate Pump Station (IPS) has been poured.
117 The IPS is currently in the midst of the hydrostatic test, with the quantitative test successfully
118 completed and the qualitative test still in progress.

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120 All of the concrete for the base slab at the Tertiary Phosphorous Building has been poured. The
121 Contractor is placing rebar and forming exterior and interior walls. Concrete has been poured for
122 one-half of the southern exterior wall.

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124 The base slab for both sides of the UV Disinfection/Post Aeration Building is complete. The
125 Contractor is currently forming and pouring exterior and interior walls.

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129	Construction Contract Payment Applications – C. H. Nickerson		
130	Original Contract Sum	\$45,507,000.00	
131	Net Change by Change Orders	<u>(\$47,432.14)</u>	
132	Contract Sum to Date	\$45,459,567.86	As of March 15, 2020
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134	Construction Contract Schedule		
135	Original Completion Date	February 10, 2022	
136	Net Change Schedule Days	<u>0</u>	
137	Contract Completion Date	February 10, 2022	

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139 **ADJOURNMENT**

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141 **Motion to adjourn**

142 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

143 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

144 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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146 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

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152 Bernadette Sorbo

153 Recording Secretary

Joel Rinebold
Secretary

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