

Middleton Electric Light Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023

The following individuals were in attendance:

Frank Twiss, Chairman
Chuck Clinch, Acting Chairman thru Financials
Jim Kelley
Tim Houten
Jim Carbone
Michael Cloutier, Manager

Acting Chairman Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

Jim Kelley motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jim Carbone seconded the motion. Motioned carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

Jim Kelley motioned to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023, as written. Jim Carbone seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Financials:

Seabrook was offline in April. This usually meant a more expensive month, but we were just a little bit less than last year. This year our average was \$0.10, and last year it was \$0.101. Market power is very inexpensive, and we bought 2.4 million KWH. This is a lot, but it was because Seabrook was down. Millstone is currently

down, so we will be purchasing more market power. They are hoping to get the facility back online early July. We are tracking close to what we did last year, about 1/3 of a cent less. We are fine as far as the rates go.

Cash is healthy, but we will be spending a lot more now on a bucket truck. Hopefully, we will be buying an extra bucket truck as well. Operationally, we are making money from both our investments and KWH sales. Account 933, Transportation YTD is \$9,500 more than last year due to repairs on the trucks.

The auditors are just about finished. There were no concerns, so we are waiting for the final report.

The current copier is showing its age and is having problems with some modes of operation. We will be outsourcing a new copier. We are also changing the carpet in the office.

Manager's Report:

The linemen are working well together. We had three brief outages, Boston Street on 5/26, Meadow Drive on 6/6 and Central Street 6/14.

David is in his final days of working at MELD. He will be working for the Co-op. He will be doing some work at MELD through the Co-op. He has more than enough meters to keep him busy for the rest of the year. Kenny may be leaving by the end of July. The co-op student will be working three days a week through the summer. He is helping to get rid of the old meters. There are about two thousand meters to recycle. We gave about 200 of these meters to a utility in Vermont.

Proposals are being taken for a Ford Lightning truck. All trucks are back in service except truck 1, which has a transmission issue. It is now in for repair. Kiley has a demo bucket truck available within a month that we are going to look at. It does not have all the features we like, but it will be more reasonably priced, and we would not have a long wait for delivery.

NEPPA Conference August 20th to August 23rd. Tim and Jim K. will be attending.

Next meeting September 13, 2023. We will arrange a meeting for July and/or August, if necessary.

Tim Houten motioned to adjourn at 5:46PM. Jim Kelley seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Carbone
Clerk

