

MINUTES



**Blue Earth Light and Water
Board Meeting Group
BELW Board Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
BELW Board Room**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was "Called to Order" at 4:30 pm

B. Meeting Attendance

Board Members Present:

Bernie Kriewall

Tim Juba

Dan Mensing

Lars Bierly

Staff Present:

Jill Madetzke, Office Manager

Tim Stoner, General Manager

C. General Reports

1. Public Forum and Correspondence

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from January 15, 2018.

Move: Tim Juba Second: Bernie Kriewall Status: Passed

3. Financial Review

The Board reviewed the December 2017 financials. Both Income and Balance sheets were presented, electric and water funds are on schedule.

4. Review Monthly Energy Adjustment

The Board reviewed the January PCA for the February billing .005812

5. Approval of Accounts Payable

6. Review of Project Status

2017 Projects complete

2017 Projects are Completed

2018 Projects

13 th Street

NE Housing Development

New primary in Riverside Heights

Pick up truck

Chamber Building

Complete Meter Project to 95% (continued)

EV Charging systems

7. Review of Outage Reports

No Outages reported

8. Approval of Collection/Write off Activity

D. New Business

1. DG Policy

MN PUC requires BELW to formally adopt a policy to Govern over interconnection to our system. Without a adopted policy MN PUC then would be required to accept dockets and govern over issues with DG and Net metering issues brought by the public.

RESOLUTION

2019-02-01

A resolution adopting Blue Earth's Light and Water's Policy Regarding Distributed Generation and Net Metering and Rules Governing the Interconnection of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities.

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Earth is served by Blue Earth's Light and Water, which is committed to providing customers with reliable and affordable power.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the distributed generation and net metering policy is to establish the application procedures and qualification criteria for the delivery, interconnection, metering, and purchase of electricity from distributed generation facilities.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Blue Earth's Light and Water to implement this policy and give the maximum possible encouragement to cogeneration and small power production consistent with protection of the ratepayers and the public.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the cogeneration and small power production rules is for Blue Earth's Light and Water to implement certain provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.164, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations related to customer distributed generation.

WHEREAS, the adoption of these rules establishes that the Board of Public Works/ Blue Earth's Light and Water is the interpreting body and arbiter of the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.164 for

WHEREAS, Blue Earth's Light and Water shall annually file a cogeneration and small power production tariff with under these rules.

WHEREAS, the cogeneration and small power production tariff shall include a calculation of average retail utility energy rates, standard contracts to be used with qualifying facilities, interconnection process and technical requirements, procedures for notifying qualifying facilities when will not purchase energy or capacity, and Blue Earth's Light and Water 's estimated average incremental energy costs and net annual avoided capacity costs.

WHEREAS, all filings under these rules shall be maintained at the Blue Earth's Light and Water offices and shall be made available for public inspection during normal business hours.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works/ Blue Earth's Light and Water adopts the following Policy Regarding Distributed Generation and Net Metering and Rules Governing the Interconnection of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities.

Adopted by the Board of Public Works/ Blue Earth's Light and Water on February 12, 2018.

Move: Bernie Kriewall Second: Lars Bierly Status: Passed

2. Returning Switchgear to customer ownership

Returning Switchgear to our distributed generation customers who have Gen Sets, there by removing the switchgear from our books and responsibility. with NESHAP law changes we are unable to claim or use the capacity currently.

Returning Switchgear to our distributed generation customers who have Gen Sets, there by removing the switchgear from our books and responsibility. with NESHAP law changes we are unable to claim or use the capacity currently. The Board discussed and determined its appropriate to define the line of equipment ownership and return switchgear to the original owner. BELW will provide engineering to legal and draw up agreements.

Move: Tim Juba Second: Bernie Kriewall Status: Passed

3. Easements for NE Residential

Signatures are needed to complete easements agreements

The Board approved Chairman Mensing to approve the easement agreements as presented.

Move: Lars Bierly Second: Tim Juba Status: Passed

E. Meeting Adjourned