

Swans Island Electric Coop
Minutes for May 7, 2015
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Present; Jason Matthews, Sonny Sprague, Jim Stone, Ed Schwabe, Joe Staples
By phone; John Trask, Eric Chetwynd, Bob Pickup
Manager; Jeffry Ellison Billing clerk; Karen Griffin. The meeting began at 6:38 PM

Approved March minutes with the exception of one typo correction.

Approved April minutes with the correction of Bob's stated position on a no vote to abolish collections of Kent's Oil accounts.

Manager's report

Training of Josh, Jason and Sam has stopped pending Emera/ Siec talks.

Steve attended Fox Island training.

The Co-op is waiting for Bill Banks to schedule removal of the two fuel tanks.

Bob has received a second review of the Terms and Conditions by the PUC.

2015 Audit is completed, showing a tier of 1.87. The PUC's projections were 1.9 to 2.3 with an RUS minimum of 1.25.

NRA Collections Agency

SIEC has been placed on the credit reports of all submitted accounts.
NRA has collected \$47 to date as credit to SIEC

A Motion was made and passed to proceed with replacing 9 poles and all meters on Frenchboro. The expense to be covered from cash flow.

The Application process for the RUS high cost rural utilities grant has not yet been advertised..

Ed stated the importance of testing the usage on Frenchboro from Duck Cove prior to changing the meters in order to establish a baseline of usage and have a more accurate gauge of line loss. Once the new meters go in measurements on usage and line loss will be valuable to compare the old and new.

By Laws

The by laws should be revised to state that any member nominated for the board

must have SIEC accounts in good standing.

A motion was passed to more clearly define an eligible nominee as having all SIEC accounts current.

Submarine cable costs.

The board was informed of Isleboro's plan to install a new cable. The cost is estimated at 1.5 to 2 million dollars. The distance is approximately 1.5 miles. The new cable will contain sophisticated fiber optics to be leased by media and communications providers.

The nominating committee has nominated 15 members for the three Board seats open for election at annual meeting. [seven have accepted, eight have declined.]

EMERA, PUC & SIEC Meeting May 8th

Karen expressed question and concern regarding pass due accounts with payment plans in good standing that are not charged interest. What will Emera's practice be? [EMERA has responded that their policy is also not to charge interest once a payment plan has been established]

Jason Barret, legal council, will also be present at the meeting.

Quarterly update meeting scheduled for May 28th will be broadcast by the Island Institute to Frenchboro.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM

For the Secretary:

Jason Matthews, Vice President and Acting Secretary

Ed Schwabe, President.