

Policies & Procurement Committee
Mar. 12, 2015
Regular Telephonic Meeting Draft Minutes

Members Present by phone: Committee Chairman John Adams
 Vice-Chairman Richard Barlow
 Ralph Eno

CRRA Staff Present: Tom Kirk, President
 Mark Daley, Chief Financial Officer
 Peter Egan, Director of Operations and Environmental Affairs
 Roger Guzowski, Contracts and Procurement Manager
 Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
 Eileen Kearney, Temporary Board Administrator
 Marianne Carcio, Executive Assistant

Also Present: John Pizzimenti, USA Hauling

Committee Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Committee Chairman Adams noted there were no members of the public present who wished to address the Committee and said the regular meeting would commence.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2015, REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Telephonic Feb. 5, 2015, Policies & Procurement Committee meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Director Freedman.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously by roll call. Director Freedman abstained.

2. INFORMATIONAL

Committee Chairman Adams said the Informational Section had been thoroughly reviewed and asked if there were any questions on the Informational Packet that was contained in the Committee package. Vice-Chairman Barlow asked a question on an entry for American Express gift cards that appeared on page 2. President Kirk said it was the charge for Employee gift cards provided in lieu of a holiday party provided in the budget.

Director Eno asked for details on the entry that related to ISO New England membership. President Kirk responded that it represented the Authority's basic membership in ISO New England. He added that it was one of the fees that MIRA pays to ISO New England. Mr. Egan indicated that without membership, MIRA would not be able to communicate directly with ISO New England and

would have to rely on NextEra Energy to do so as lead marketer. Further discussion continued with President Kirk providing Director Eno with clarification on ISO New England's fee increases.

Vice-Chairman Barlow referenced the Legal Fees portion of the packet and said that it would be helpful to have further information listed on the chart which indicates the current status of the matters, whether they were open or concluded. Director Adams asked Ms. Hunt to provide an updated chart which contained an additional column for current status of legal matters, requested that it be presented at the next Board of Directors' meeting along with further explanation and discussion of the status. Going forward, the revised chart would be a part of the Committee meeting package.

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA ITEM

President Kirk reminded the Committee that the resolution for the Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. Request for Services needed to be presented by the Committee to the Board for approval. Mr. Egan provided background to the Committee on the previously discussed recommendation, said that the information originally contained in the proposed resolution has not changed and said that the matter had to be tabled at the last Board meeting due to a lack of quorum for a vote on the resolution. The Committee agreed that the item be added to the upcoming March Board of Directors' meeting agenda.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman Adams requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Chairman Eno was approved unanimously. Chairman Adams requested that the following people remain for the Executive Session, in addition to the Committee members:

Tom Kirk
Mark Daley
Laurie Hunt, Esq.
Peter Egan
Roger Guzowski

The Executive Session commenced at 11:17 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:39 a.m., the door was opened, and the Board Secretary and all members of the public (of which there were none) were invited back in for the continuation of public session. Chairman Adams noted that no votes were taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Director Eno was approved unanimously by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Kearney
Temporary Board Administrator