

**Minutes**

WiredWest Board of Directors Meeting

Online

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 6:30 pm

**Attending:** Doug McNally, Jim Drawe, Sheila Litchfield, David Dvore, Bob Labrie, Bob Gross, Jeremy Dunn, Kent Lew, Dave Arney, MaryEllen Kennedy

**Guests:**

**Called to order at:** 6:33pm

**Approval of Warrant #8**

Moved: Kent moved to approve Warrant #8 in the amount of $131,956.47

Seconded: Sheila

Discussion: Bob G. asked about a $20 miscellaneous charge from WCF – Jim reports it’s for mailing a Telo to a customer.

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| **Member Town** | **Vote** |
| Becket | Y |
| Heath | Y |
| New Salem | Y |
| Rowe | Y |
| Washington | Y |
| Windsor | Y |

Result: approved

**Approval of Minutes**

October 2, 2024

Moved: Sheila

Seconded: Kent

Discussion:

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| **Member Town** | **Vote** |
| Becket | Y |
| Heath | Y |
| New Salem | Y |
| Rowe | Y |
| Washington | Y |
| Windsor | Y |

Result: approved

**Executive Director Report**

Please read Jim’s notes and bring any questions and comments.

Jeremy reports that pole transfer work in Becket may not occur till spring (crews have been sent south for hurricane work). Kent has seen that some ride-out work is being done in Heath.

Jim reports that Nicole from PURMA has found a company that would cover up to $5M per event, the cost to WW would be $35,000 and the MLPs would not have to join PURMA. Jim had estimated the cost for insurance in FY25 at $48,000. Jim doesn’t have all towns’ policies, so can’t really compare the coverage. Bob G needs the number of poles and fiber miles – Jim said the fiber miles are in the ride out quote and Kent reminds us we can get the number of poles from the utility mailing before the license bill. All members should send this to Bob.

Greenfield Savings lowered the interest on our Line of Credit by .5%.

Jim has updated the finance information in the notes to include the pass thru information (the majority of that is Becket’s MLP fee).

Jim asked Becket and Washington to help identify the WCF bills that are for pole transfer work that will be billed back to Eversource.

**WCF Service Protection Plan (SPP)**

Discussion and vote on whether to participate in WCF’s proposal.

Jim shared the notes he sent to Tom about this program and is waiting for his response. Kent has not seen anything in the proposal that would be to our advantage. It’s possible that it would be helpful to other towns. We are waiting for a complete proposal from WCF.

**Distribution of Excess Reserve Funds**

Discussion of what is needed for reserves and insurance coverage. Possible update on insurance research.

Covered under Director’s notes.

**Other business which could not be reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of meeting**

Bob L. – update on Fidelity. He’s put in the application and was contacted to ask what our business is. The application is in progress. The Investment Committee hasn’t yet met to discuss plans for the account. Bob will set up a meeting soon.

January meetings – Doug proposes that we meet in January on the 8th & 22nd – we will vote at the November 6th meeting.

David continues to have problems with alarms from the generator, now he is not receiving all of them. Cebula & Kohler both blame each other. Heath also has a similar problem. Doug’s hut has been without A/C & heat – long wait for a replacement part.

**Confirm next BoD meetings**

November 6, 2024, 6:30pm

November 20, 2024, 6:30pm

Future – every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm

**Adjourn** Kent moved, Sheila seconded. Approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:10pm