

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

April 27, 2020

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on April 27, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., in the public meeting space of the Loudon Municipal Building. Present was Chairman Don P. Campbell with Directors Gene Farmer, Tim Dixon, Carlie McEachern, Bart Watson, and Attorney Kris Frye present by videoconference. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Mayor Jeff Harris, Nicole Curtis, Jaison Brown, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Also present were *WLNT* Chip Lynn (redskinradio) and *Loudon County NewsHerald* Parker Wright. Other videoconference attendees included John Davis, Gregg Hensley, Travis Williams, Jack Qualls, and Mark Harrell.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Chairman Campbell said that he wished to address the recent storm activity in the Chattanooga area and how Manager Ross and LUB staff reacted. TVPPA contacted Ross and requested assistance in reconnecting customers from the storm devastation. Ross asked for electric employees willing to assist. Split shifts were in place due to the COVID-19 scheduling allowing Team A (*Chad Oody, Joe Don Mourfield, Tyler Wicker, & Adam Cook*) to work the emergency in Cleveland and Chattanooga through April 17th. Team B (*Rodney Smallen, Adam Watson, Chasen Curtis, Dalton Giles, & Nick Dixon*) went to Chattanooga on April 18th following working their normal Loudon schedule. The crews worked sixteen (16) hour days on the emergency response and received high praise from the utilities' staff. Dean Watson, Cleveland Utilities' Manager of Electric Operations, said the crew "displayed a true servant's heart" with their assistance in restoring the power. Campbell thanked the teams and their leaders for the sensitivity to the needs of our neighbors in time of trouble.

Chairman Campbell read a statement defining the meeting being held by videoconference and asked for a roll call of attendance of the Board Members. All were available.

Chairman Campbell asked if anyone wished to speak to the Board about anything not on the agenda. There was no response.

Chairman Campbell asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2020. **A motion was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2020 be approved as written.**

Financial Reports were distributed for the workshop. Finance Director Curtis gave a presentation on the financial reports. **A motion was made by Director Dixon, seconded by Director McEachern and unanimously passed that the reports be received and placed on file.**

The first item for Board action was consider an agreement amendment with TVA concerning the resale of green power blocks. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

**APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
GREEN POWER PROVIDERS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The next item for Board action was the continuation of participation in the green power switch program allowing the use of alternate power supply. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director McEachern that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)
TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE
GREEN POWER SWITCH PROGRAM

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Next Board considered offering interruptible natural gas service for industrial customers. The program enables LUB to limit the demand from an industrial customer to better serve the residential customer base when weather dictates more natural gas usage for heat. **A motion was made by Director Farmer and seconded by Director Watson that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19
REAUTHORIZING THE CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION
OF INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The last item for Board consideration was to set the natural gas rate. **A motion was made by Director Dixon and seconded by Director Farmer that the following resolution be approved:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE MAY 2020

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased from \$0.01430 per kWh to \$0.01415 per kWh. This results in a \$0.15 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

Chairman Campbell recessed the meeting for an Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. with attendees as follows: Campbell, Farmer, Dixon, McEachern, Watson, Ross, Curtis, Davis, and Attorney Frye.

4:46 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:15 PM

Chairman Campbell reconvened the meeting at 5:16 p.m. with no action taken.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman