

**CITY OF GROTON UTILITIES COMMISSION
/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 24, 2022 3:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hedrick called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Mayor Keith Hedrick

Commissioners: Jeffrey Godley, George Mathanool, George Scully, Robert Zuliani

Staff present: Director of Utilities, Ronald A. Gaudet
Executive Administrator to the Director of Utilities, Noemi Walencewicz
Executive Administrative Assistant, Maureen French
General Manager Planning and Projects, Bruce Kruszewski
Project Manager, Joshua Rehrig

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. GUC-WPCA 22-03-10** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$473,552.20) including a ten percent (10%) contingency, to Valmont Utility, 28800 Ida Street, P.O. Box 358, Valley, Nebraska, as a preferred vendor, for purchase of A-Frame Structures for Buddington Substation, to be paid from the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400 Buddington Substation FY 2022 Bond Fund Project

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Mathanool** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-03-10.

Project Manager Rehrig stated the quote was received the morning of the March 16, 2022, GUC meeting, and that the quote could not be extended past the fourteen (14) days. He continued; this is a part of the ECT project and if the Utility were to wait until next month to approve, the schedule of delivery will be delayed until November and work would be out of sequence of Eversource's outage schedule.

Chairperson Hedrick informed the Commission that this Resolution was approved by City Council on March 22, 2022, pending the Commission's approval. He noted the schedule and cost implications; volatile market and short quote lead times. He said the Council is uncomfortable approving after the fact, except for Emergency purchases, given communication.

Commissioner Scully questioned if all structures were to be replaced. Project Manager Rehrig stated only the required structures will be replaced.

Director Gaudet defined the project to be PTF (pooled transmission facility) meaning the substation serves as transmission of high voltage which serves greater transmission. Costs are socialized to all ISO-NE members to receive an investment and rate of return via our CMEEC bill. CMEEC represents Groton Utilities with ISO-NE.

Motion Carried.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 3:15 p.m., **Commissioner Zuliani** moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Attest:

Keith Hedrick

Chairperson