

**REGULAR MEETING
LOUDON UTILITIES**

January 24, 2022

The Board of Directors of Loudon Utilities held its properly advertised regular meeting on January 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., in the public meeting space of the Loudon Municipal Building. Those present were Chairman Don P. Campbell, Directors Gene Farmer, Tim Dixon, Carlie McEachern, and Bart Watson. Others present were Manager Ty Ross, Nicole Curtis, John Davis, Bill Watkins, and Secretary Meghan Hull. Hugh Willett, *NewsHerald*, represented the press. Also present were approximately ten (10) people.

Chairman Campbell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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 December 20, 2021. **A motion was made by Director McEachern, seconded by Director Farmer and unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2021 be approved as written.**

Director of Support Services Brown reported on the newly formed employee Safety Committee with six (6) LUB members and three (3) City members.

Financial Reports for November had been 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 to consider an agreement with TriStar Energy Services for assistance with natural gas management reports and services. **A motion was made by Director Watson and seconded by Director Dixon that the following resolution be approved:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01
AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH
TRISTAR ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC
FOR NATURAL GAS CONSULTANT SERVICES**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously. Board requested that this be evaluated in approximately three (3) months.

Next Board considered adopting an interconnection, metering, and parallel operation agreement for solar power. Electric Director Watkins described the guidelines of the agreement and suggested a voluntary customer education questionnaire for solar installation. After discussion, the Board requested further study on information that the customer should have prior to solar installation. The matter will be considered in February.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02
ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS RATES
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2022**

Upon a vote, the resolution was passed unanimously.

Manager Ross stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority fuel cost adjustment had decreased from \$0.02481 per kWh to \$0.01962 per kWh. This results in a \$5.19 decrease for each 1,000 kWh of residential customer usage.

There being nothing further, Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman