

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

June 28, 2022

5:30 PM

Workshop

GRU Administration Building, Multi-Purpose Room

301 SE 4th Avenue

Utility Advisory Board

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

Daniel Morse (Non-Voting Member)

Charles Covey (Member)

John Paul (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Lewis, Spurling-Wood and Covey were absent. All other members were present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

DISCUSSION ITEMS

211295. GRU Quarterly Update for the Third Quarter of FY2022 (B)

Attachments: [211295 Quarterly Report FY22 June 20220628](#)

Staff members Chad Parker and Kin'nzon Hutchinson gave an update on the status of implementing AMI and CIS.

Staff member Eric Walters gave a presentation on fuel used in the Deerhaven Renewable (DHR) plant. Chair Jacobson stated that he would like to know the carbon footprint of DHR.

Staff member Rachel Lockhart gave an update on the upgrade of the Main Street Water Reclamation Facility.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an informational presentation from staff.*

211356. Distributed Solar Generation Intake (B)

Attachments: [211356 Distributed Solar Generation Intake in GRU System 20220628](#)
[211356 Solar Circuit Limitation Opinion 20220628](#)

Staff members Tony Carroll and Lisa Bennett gave a presentation to explain the reasons (both operational and legal) for GRU's policy of not allowing more than 2 MW of solar PV to be connected to any one of GRU's distribution circuits (feeders).

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff.*

211009. UAB Work Plan (B)

Attachments: [211009_UAB_Work_Plan_Template_20220719](#)

Member Fults made a motion, seconded by Member Rockwell, to have staff prepare a discussion on Natural Gas Rebates for the July 19, 2022 UAB meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Fults made a motion, seconded by Member Rockwell, for Members Fults and Covey to give updates on their trip to the APPA 2022 National Conference. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Fults made a motion, seconded by Member Crowe, to have staff give an update on the number of home visits/audits GRU does per year and discuss whether GRU and the City can partner to give energy scores to rental homes. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Crowe asked if we could also show metrics on energy usage before and after home energy audits.

RECOMMENDATION

Review the outstanding topics on the matrix, define clear objectives for each one and determine the order of priority.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 14th Regular Meeting was rescheduled to July 19, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 p.m.