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MONROE CITY UTILITY BOARD  
February 2, 2022

**12:00 p.m.**

**1. Chairperson Jeff Nielson Conducting**

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Utility Board was called to order at 12:00 pm February 2, 2022 by Chairman Jeff Nielson.

Present:

Board Chair – Jeff Nielson

Board Members-

Tom Anderson – absent

R.K. Nielson

Mathew Mills

Doug Monroe

Councilmember Dane Buchmiller

Public Works Director Devin Magleby

City Power Foreman Josey Parsons

City Recorder – Allison Leavitt

Mike Ginsberg

**2. Business**

a. Elect Chairperson for the 2022 year.

Board member R.K. Nielson nominated Board member Jeff Nielson to serve as the Board Chairperson for the upcoming year.

**A motion was made by Board Member R.K. Nielson and seconded by Board Member Doug Monroe to elect Jeff Nielson as the Chairperson of the Monroe City Utility Board for the 2022 year. All were in favor. Motion carried**

b. Welcome new board members.

The board welcomed new member Doug Monroe to the board.

c. Discussion on the current Monroe City’s Diversified Generation Interconnection Policy.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained to board members that Mike Ginsberg, owner of Mystic Hot Springs, contacted him about installing and interconnecting solar power generation service at his property

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44 located at 475 E 100 N. Mr. Ginsberg stated that he would like to install a 10kwh service. Power  
45 Foreman Josey Parsons explained that at this time the policy only allows a 6kwh service. Mr. Ginsberg  
46 asked if the policy could be amended to allow a 10kwh commercial service.  
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48 Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained that when former Power Superintendent Daniel Peterson created  
49 the current policy his main goal was to assure Monroe City's power grid would not be jeopardized by the  
50 influx of wind/solar power generation services and used the recommendation from UAMPS when  
51 establishing the size of interconnection.  
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53 Mr. Ginsberg stated that he currently has four meters at his business but wants to use only one for the  
54 solar connection. Mr. Ginsberg stated at this time he was not planning on a net metering type of  
55 connection but needs a larger service than 6kwh to cover his needs.  
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57 It was discussed that Monroe City only had one solar customer, who has since disconnected from Monroe  
58 City and connected his solar service to Rocky Mountain Power. He left because Rocky Mountain Power  
59 offered better incentives and Monroe City would not purchase generated power that was put back on the  
60 grid and he was charged for all the power that he generated.  
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62 Board members understand that there are set costs in operating the grid and if a customer wants to be  
63 able to utilize the grid on a demand basis that they must participate in the operation costs of the grid.  
64 However, they are not sure that charging someone for the power they generate and use to cover their  
65 energy needs is appropriate.  
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67 Board members discussed with Mr. Ginsberg his needs and stated they understood what he was wanting  
68 to do, however they would like some time to review the current policy and research why the current  
69 policy has stated these limitations.  
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71 It was decided that the Utility Board would schedule another meeting to review the current policy before  
72 making a recommendation to the Council on Mr. Ginsberg request.  
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### 74 **3. Adjournment**

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76 **A motion was made by Board Member Neilson and seconded by Board Member Mills to adjourn**  
77 **the meeting at 12:37 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.**  
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79 Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.  
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83 Allison Leavitt  
84 Monroe City Recorder

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Jeff Nielson  
Chairperson