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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**March 29, 2022**

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The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the headquarters office located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Directors present were Carol Lee Dugan (president), Stephen Valdez (secretary), Scott Wolfe, Kip Nagy, Keenan Anderson, Wade Lockhart and Cole Wakasugi. Also present were Gregg Kampf (corporate attorney), Loren Howard (chief executive officer), Carol Silva (human resources specialist), Terry Daley (engineering manager), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/sales coordinator), Shawn McKibbon (chief operations officer), and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary). JoAn Waudby (chief financial officer/corporate treasurer) joined the meeting via Zoom.

**Call to Order**

Carol Lee Dugan called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

Carol Lee Dugan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Member Communication**

Mail was circulated among the board members.

**Welcome of Guest(s)**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was unanimously carried by those present.

**Corporate Review**

Loren Howard reviewed the submitted report. Discussion was held regarding demand charges among cooperatives, net metering legislation, the Engineer 1 position duties, paperless Newsboy, and annual meeting planning.

**Financial Review**

Loren Howard reviewed the submitted financial summary. Howard pointed out that the updated December 2021 financials were included in the packet. It was noted that February 2022 financials will be available next week and will be discussed during the April board meeting. Howard moved on to review the January 2022 financials. A question was asked about the difference in budget and actual in the Net Margin column. JoAn Waudby stated that the difference is due to 1) expenses being budgeted in January when it is not known when it will occur; 2) it was budgeted to lose a CFC discount and to-date we are still receiving that discount; and 3) depreciation is being split between REC and Cielo. Howard went on to report that REC will be installing a DC Fast Charger for electric vehicle charging and Terry Daley discussed the SAIDI and SAIFI graphs and the impacts of major events.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 22, 2022 as presented was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on February 28, 2022 as presented was unanimously carried by those present.

### **Safety Report**

The submitted report was reviewed and discussed. (Copy attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

### **Agreements for Purchase of Power**

The current list of Agreements for Purchase of Power was reviewed and discussed. (Copy attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

#### **Corporate Attorney - Gregg Kampf**

Gregg Kampf reviewed his submitted report. He answered questions regarding the Voting and Elections Policy as well as his work on Tri-State Policy 115 review.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Colorado Rural Electric Association – Stephen Valdez**

Valdez reviewed the submitted report. He stated that there are not many legislative issues of significance to Cooperatives but CREA will monitor activities throughout and communicate as necessary.

#### **Western United – Stephen Valdez**

Valdez reviewed the submitted report. He stated that ERMCO has notified Western United there will be no more capital patronage in 2023 and that cooperatives will no longer be preferential customers. It will be a first come first serve operation. Western United has looked for other production companies but ERMCO is still the best option. He went on to review the supply chain situation and the many factors that have contributed to circumstances today. Some of the factors include the impacts of COVID-19 on manufacturers and the changes in the workforce, growth as far as property development and sales causing larger than normal demand for electric utility materials and equipment, and inflation and pricing effects being passed through to end users.

Break: 11:16 AM

Reconvene: 11:26 AM

#### **Tri-State – Scott Wolfe**

Wolfe reviewed the statistics of the submitted report. He further discussed the upcoming annual meeting and the availability of tours of the Tri-State headquarters facilities, the Red Feather Lakes project in the Poudre Valley service area that will improve reliability for members and that the board took a course on Renewable Energy Credits during the board meeting. He will try to obtain a copy of that presentation and share it during an upcoming REC board meeting. Lastly, he stated that Tri-State continues to review all avenues of cost cutting measures to off-set the current rate rebate.

### **Unfinished Business**

During the regular meeting in February, Executive Policy 1-003 Voting and Elections was reviewed and required updating due to new Colorado laws. This policy was updated and brought back for final discussion.

**New Business**

A question was asked about the progress of reporting net metering statistics such as number of accounts, how much electricity is generated and how much is paid-out on an annual basis. Loren Howard stated that he will work on this and have a report to present during the April board meeting.

Question was asked about any forward movement with SLVREC working with a contractor on net meter engineering, procurement and construction. Loren Howard reported that he has spoken with a company by the name of 8760 Solar. No details have been worked out to-date. Discussion continued about how revenue can be generated for REC through this program.

Another question was asked regarding prospective plans for building another solar plant. Loren Howard stated that at this time, there have been no formal plans put into place.

**Future Dates:**

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

**Board Comments:**

Stephen Valdez added that Colorado Rural Electric Association is looking at doing region orientations for board members to improve member engagement.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 AM was made and unanimously carried by those present.



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Carol Lee Duga, President

*Stephen Valdez*  
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Stephen Valdez, Corporate Secretary

*Michelle Trujillo*  
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Michelle Trujillo, Recording Secretary