
MINUTES OF MEETING
San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 31, 2022

The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the headquarters office located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Directors present were Carol Lee Dugan (president), Keenan Anderson (vice-president), Stephen Valdez (secretary), Kip Nagy, Scott Wolfe and Wade Lockhart. Also present were Gregg Kampf (corporate attorney), Loren Howard (chief executive officer), JoAn Waudby (chief financial officer), Carol Silva (human resources specialist), Terry Daley (engineering manager), Isaiah Abeyta (engineer I), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/sales coordinator), Stacy Valdez (manager of customer service and billing), and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary). Cole Wakasugi was unavoidably absent.

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)

Member Brock Schnebel along with several others from the Wolf Creek Ranch Development were present at the meeting to present reasoning for burying a section of overhead line in this area.

Discussion was held among board members present regarding this topic. A cost estimate proposal will be prepared and distributed to the members.

Approval of Agenda

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

Corporate Review

Loren Howard reviewed the submitted report. More discussion was held regarding the FBI training and recent outages. New employee Isaiah Abeyta introduced himself to the board. Talked about the current open positions and upcoming position to post and Jennifer Alonzo reported a significant monthly savings should be realized with less printing and postage costs because of the transition to digital Newsboys.

Financial Review

Loren Howard reviewed the submitted financial summary. JoAn Waudby commented that the irrigation demand is down some possibly due to improved demand management on customer side and fallowed accounts doubled this year due to water issues so less kwh is being sold overall.

Discussion was held regarding debt and interest rates. It was noted that when loans come up for repricing, REC takes advantage of that when it is beneficial. A question was asked about recent

legislation that would help cooperatives with current debt repayment but that was for RUS loans. San Luis Valley REC's financing is through National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC)..

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting on April 26, 2022 was unanimously carried by those present.

Approval of NRECA 401(k) Restatement Resolution

Motion to approve the 401(k) Restatement Resolution as presented was unanimously carried by those present.

Approval of Early Estate Capital Credit Retirement

Motion to approve the Early Estate Capital Credit Retirement 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 discussed the CREA attorney's meeting. He mentioned that there was a cyber security presentation done and it was very informative. Craig Johnson attorney at CREA talked of anti-trust issues for cooperatives such as wage surveys and the stipulations that go along with performing these surveys.

Break: 11:16 AM

Reconvene: 11:25 AM

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Colorado Rural Electric Association – Stephen Valdez

Stephen Valdez reviewed the submitted report and stated that CORE (formally known as IREA) left CREA which will leave a deficit in the 2023 budget.

Western United – Stephen Valdez

Stephen Valdez reviewed the submitted report and stated that the budget for next year was approved.

Tri-State – Scott Wolfe

Scott Wolfe reviewed the submitted report and further mentioned that the contract termination payment methodology continues to be worked on and the rate design committee also continues to work on designs based on the impact of load factor (tilt).

Unfinished Business

Loren Howard reported that SLVREC paid Water Conservancy \$33,000 resolving the augmentation plan issue.

New Business

Loren Howard reminded the Board of Directors that each year around this time REC contributes funds to the CREA lobbying organization, CARE/ACRE, for lobbying efforts on behalf of cooperatives. Discussion followed.

Motion to approve a contribution in the amount of \$7500 to the CARE/ACRE lobbying organization was unanimously carried by those present.

Future Dates:

The 2022 Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at Ski Hi Complex in Monte Vista. Registration begins at 5:30 PM with the business meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

Board Comments:

None

Lunch: 11:52 AM
Reconvene: 12:33 AM

Executive Session

Motion made to enter executive session at 12:34 PM for the discussion of legal was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion to reconvene in public session at 2:02 PM with no action taken was made and unanimously carried by those present.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 PM was made and unanimously carried by those present.



Carol Lee Dugan

Carol Lee Dugan, President

Stephen Valdez

Stephen Valdez, Corporate Secretary

Michelle Trujillo

Michelle Trujillo, Recording Secretary