
MINUTES OF MEETING
San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 27, 2022

The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at the headquarters office located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Directors present were Keenan Anderson (president), Stephen Valdez (vice-president), Wade Lockhart (secretary), and Carol Lee Dugan. Also present were Gregg Kampf (corporate attorney), Loren Howard (chief executive officer), Shawn McKibbon (chief operations officer), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/sales coordinator), and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary). Directors Creede Hargraves and Scott Wolfe joined the meeting via Zoom. Director Cole Wakasugi was unavoidably absent.

Call to Order

Keenan Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Keenan Anderson 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. He talked in more detail regarding the renewal of the Purchase of Power Agreement with Humphreys Hydro and also reported he spoke with a local company regarding solar installations that are managed by REC.

Financial Review

Loren Howard reviewed the submitted financial summary. Discussion was held regarding reduced sales because of weather during this summer season, fallowed ground and retired irrigation services. He reported that six vehicles have been received from Enterprise with an additional 6 on order. Enterprise handles the basic maintenance which frees up the mechanics time for more complicated repairs. Lastly, after reviewing the Work Order report, discussion was held regarding material availability and lag time from order to delivery on certain materials such as transformers.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting on August 23, 2022 was unanimously carried by those present.

Approval of Board Policies

Motion to approve the following board policies as presented was unanimously carried by those present:

- BP 1-010 Board Budget
- BP 1-011 Independent Advisors
- BP 1-012 Board Meeting Member Communications

Approval of Early Estate Capital Credits

Motion to approve the retirement of Early Estate Capital Credits fall offering was unanimously carried by those present.

Safety Report

The submitted report was reviewed and discussed. (Copy attached hereto and made a part hereof.) It was noted that the employees of REC have driven 1,000,000 miles without violations or accident insurance claims. The results of the recent RESAP safety inspection were reviewed. The board congratulated REC employees on both of these accomplishments.

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's written report stood as submitted with some discussion regarding the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) requirements.

Break: 10:21 AM

Reconvene: 10:33 AM

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Colorado Rural Electric Association – Stephen Valdez

Valdez reported that the Energy Innovations Summit is coming up in November and the regular meeting will be held during this event.

Western United – Stephen Valdez

Valdez reported that IRMCO is requiring advanced planning for future material needs to ensure availability. Western United helped to support recent efforts to build power into remote areas in Guatemala. Lastly, Valdez reported he was elected as the vice-president of the board of directors of Western United.

Tri-State – Scott Wolfe

Wolfe reviewed the submitted report. He noted that the PUC approved the rifle station settlement thus allowing Tri-State to retire the station next month. Tri-State hit an all-time high peak of 3,071 MW on July 17, 2022. The rate committee is working at whittled down rate options. Discussion was held regarding lower than budgeted non-members sales and assumptions made during the budgeting process.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Jennifer Alonzo made the board aware that the Lineworker scholarship tuition has increased from \$4,000 to \$5500. The budget will be adjusted to reflect this increase in tuition.

Future Dates:

October 17, 2022 at 9:30 AM – CEO Application Review

October 18, 2022 at 9:30 AM – Worksession – 85/15 Rule Discussion

October 24, 2022 at 9:30 AM – Worksession – Final 85/15 Decision and 2023 Budget Review

October 25, 2022 at 9:30 AM – SLVREC Regular Board Meeting

Board Comments:

The repowering of the CoGentrix solar plant was mentioned. Loren Howard stated that Whetstone Power is currently considering financing options, the open bidding season and partial requirements contract with Tri-State and connection at the San Luis Substation.

Quarterly member meetings in designated service areas to provide educational opportunities and improve member communications are being considered.

Motion to Adjourn None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 AM was made and unanimously carried by those present.



Keenan Anderson

Keenan Anderson, President

Wade Lockhart

Wade Lockhart, Corporate Secretary

Michelle Trujillo

Michelle Trujillo, Recording Secretary