

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 5, 2020**

The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the headquarters office located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Directors present were Carol Lee Dugan, (president), Keenan Anderson (vice-president), Stephen Valdez (corporate secretary), Scott Wolfe, K. Cole Wakasugi, Kip Nagy and Wade Lockhart. Also present were Gregg Kampf (corporate attorney) and the following staff: Loren Howard (chief executive officer), JoAn Waudby (chief financial officer/corporate treasurer), Stacy Valdez (customer service/billing manager), Shawn McKibbon (operations superintendent), Terry Daley (engineering manager), Carol Silva (human resources specialist), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/sales coordinator), and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary).

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

Carol Lee Dugan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order**

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

**Member Communication**

Mail was circulated among the board members.

**Welcome of Guest(s)**

Lance Cheslock of La Puente was present and talked to the board about what La Puente does, where they are located and what they do for the communities in the San Luis Valley. He asked for assistance with purchasing a baler to bale donated clothing for resale as a source of income, help for the Adelante Family Resources Center to purchase kitchen appliances, plumbing, etc., and assistance in purchasing a truck for La Puente to use for providing mobile rural outreach services. He thanked the board for the continued support over the past several years.

**Approval of Donation of Vehicle to La Puente**

Motion to approve the donation of a used San Luis Valley REC vehicle to La Puente to assist with providing mobile rural outreach services was made and unanimously carried by those present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Corporate Review**

Loren Howard reviewed the submitted report and provided further details on the ReConnect grant program and NRECA is hosting three free workshops in March on the topic of Avian protection. Gregg Kampf will be participating in one of those for further education. A question was asked about Ciello service availability to the Lake City area. Discussion about the route to get there through forest service land ensued.

**Financial Review**

The financial summary and statistical graphs were reviewed and discussed. JoAn Waudby stated that property taxes were up substantially due to increased Plant in Service and the

number of new schools in each county. She also talked about dividing Ciello from SLVREC for bookkeeping and auditing purposes.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made and 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.

**Break:** 10:42 a.m.

**Reconvene:** 10:52 a.m.

### **Ciello Report**

The Ciello report was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that overall fiber take rates are slightly up and the wireless take rate reporting method is currently in progress. Five new commercial accounts were added in the town of Monte Vista during the month of February.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

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

Gregg Kampf reported on some questions that have come up from the attorney representing the PUC complainants regarding the timeframe for the community engagement meetings in conjunction with the member satisfaction survey, mitigating subsidies between rate classification and considering a change to the interim Schedule A-TOD rate which will have to be approved through this PUC claim process.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Stephen Valdez reported that Cooperatives are hosting community meetings to have discussions with their members to talk about facts regarding legislative issues. He presented a list of current legislative bills and provided CREA's stance on specific bills and outcome of votes. He further inquired about CREA's member publication of Colorado Country Life and why San Luis Valley REC chooses to publish their own. Discussion ensued and a comparison of the two publications two will be prepared for the regular meeting in March.

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

Stephen Valdez reviewed the submitted report. The Board went through strategic planning and approved to negotiate the purchase of land in Utah for growth opportunity.

#### **Tri-State – Scott Wolfe**

Scott Wolfe reviewed the submitted report and pointed out some statistical information from the year-in-review presentations. The Tri-State board reviewed natural gas pricing and projected a flat pricing scale over the next 10 years; the contract committee is still working on the make-whole number calculations; Tri-State is hosting town hall meetings in specific locations to discuss the Responsible Energy Plan.

**Lunch:** 12:09 p.m.  
**Reconvene:** 12:41 p.m.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

SLVREC received a request from Friends of Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista asking for monetary support for the building of the Ski Hi Park multi-use event and conference center. Discussion was held regarding this project.

Motion to donate \$5,000 to support the Friends of Ski Hi Park in building the multi-use event and conference center was made and unanimously carried by those present.

**Future Dates:**

San Luis Valley REC's next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Kip Nagy will be unavoidably absent from the regular March meeting.

**Board Comments:**

Question was raised regarding the process and requirements for solar installation (net metering) on irrigation meters. The process was reviewed and it was noted that the residential classification can net meter up to 10 kW and the commercial classification up to 25 kW.

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter into executive session at 1:06 p.m. for the discussion of contracts was made and unanimously carried by those present.

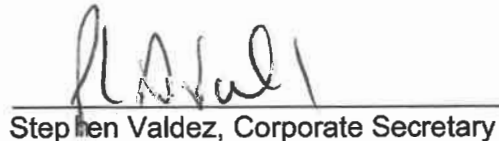
Motion to reconvene into public session with no action taken at 1:22 p.m. was made and unanimously carried by those present.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and unanimously carried by those present.

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Carol Lee Dugan, President

  
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Stephen Valdez, Corporate Secretary

  
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Michelle Trujillo, Recording Secretary