

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

January 20, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of White River Electric Association, Inc was held at the Headquarters of White River Electric Association, Inc. on January 20, 2016 at 1:05 P.M. with the following Directors present:

Dunham, Jordan, Parr, Hilkey, Wyatt, Pearce, and Welle.

Directors Absent: None

President Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and presided throughout.

- Agenda It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.
Dale Dunbar was appointed as recording secretary.
- Public Comment There was no public comment to be heard
- Guests Visitors present included Manager Michalewicz, and Staff Members Dunbar, Sampson, and Matriciano.
- Minutes The minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2015 had been deposited in the Drop Box and Boardpaq. An error was noticed and changed in the minutes. It was regularly moved, seconded and passed, to approve the meeting minutes as corrected.
- Bills and Checks The bills and checks for the month of December were reviewed by the Directors. It was regularly moved, seconded and passed, to approve the checks.
- Checks <\$100 Discussion was held as to the signing of checks. Upon motion by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Parr, and passed by all directors present that checks \$100 and under can be machine signed.
- Membership Nine applications for membership in the cooperative were submitted for approval, and upon motion by Director Hilkey, seconded by Director Welle and passed by all Directors present, the presented were accepted pursuant to the requirements of the By-Laws.
- Safety Operations Manager Sampson gave the safety report. The board reviewed the safety committee minutes from November 19, 2015. Sampson reported on a truck malfunction, statewide emergency response plan, fire alarms, rubber goods, and hazard reports. Upon motion by Director Dunham, seconded by Director Hilkey, and passed by all Directors present, the safety report was approved.

Manager Michalewicz reported to the board about discussion with Grand Valley Power about possibility of shared safety services. WREA and GVP are reviewing the possibilities of doing this.
- Donations Requests were reviewed as follow:

Upon motion by Director Welle, seconded by Director Hilkey and passed by all directors present, it was approved to donate \$4,500 to the Meeker Classic Sheepdog and Cattle dog combined, and \$4,000 to the Range Call Celebration. Matching funds from Basin to be applied where possible.
- CFC/NRTC Voting Delegates were selected for the NRECA annual meeting. Richard Welle, William Jordan, and Alan Michalewicz were appointed.
- Estate Retire Upon motion by Director Pearce, seconded by Director Parr and passed by all directors present, it was approved to retire the estate of George S. Layton.
- Building Luis Menendez, architect for the WREA building remodel called in to discuss the building bids with the directors. After discussion regarding the project and time frames, and upon motion by Director Welle, seconded by Director Hilkey, and passed by all Directors present, it was approved to put a cap of no more than \$1.8 million on the remodel and to accept the bid of FCI constructors.
- Attorney Attorney Zagar-Brown called in and reported on the signed PUC settlement. Also reported on was the First Friday Business Event.
- Manager's Manager Michalewicz discussed several items with the board.
- Telecom Discussion was had with the county regarding the fiber deployment. WREA will work on getting a draft put together to get before the county commissioners post haste.

Hydro Manager Michalewicz updated the board on the Miller Creek, Meeker Hydro, and Striegel hydro projects.

Solar Manager Michalewicz briefed the board about the solar garden project. The equipment has been ordered but because of snow there is no progress on the site.

Power Bill Manager Michalewicz reported on the operations of the Association for the month of December, 2015. The power bill for the month of December was \$4,157,475, the capacity commitment program credited \$261,389.62 there was 64,428,200 worth of kWh purchased, the demand was 98,224 the cost per kilowatt-hour was 64.5288 and the member system billing load factor was 88.1628. The Directors reviewed the statistical information for the month of September.

Other Mgmt Other items discussed of interest to the board.

- Funds requests
- Web site
- Rates
- NW Rural PPD
- DMEA Letter on Policies
- Collum Mine update

Thank You's Several thank you notes were passed around for the Directors to review.

Travel There was no out of ordinary travel to approve. The directors discussed the Directors Conference and the Tri-State Annual meeting timelines. Also, a brief discussion was held on the Legislative Conference. No one from WREA will be attending.

Audit A letter of addendum regarding the name change of the Auditors from Burke and Kelso to just Kevin Kelso, CPA was given to the board. Upon motion by Director Pearce, seconded by Director Parr and passed by all directors present, this was approved.

Associated President Jordan reported there was no meeting with CREA. Manager Michalewicz reported on the legislative update the Managers received.

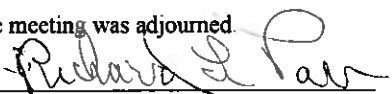
 Director Dunham reported that WUESC also did not meet. However, all is still going well with WUESC, the backlogs are down a little bit and the rubber testing program is up and running. Approximately 82% of the sales are to members.

 Director Hilkey reported on Tri-State. The report is posted on Boardpaq. Hilkey reported on equipment purchases, NPPD and Clean Power Plan.

Other Director Welle expressed his gratitude to the board for appointing him. He has completed a year as a director.

 Director Pearce received the Gold Director Award.

 No further business appearing before the board, the meeting was adjourned.


 Richard L. Parr, Secretary