

SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) was held **August 26, 2026**, at the SECPA headquarters, 27850 Harris Road, La Junta, CO.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

President Clint Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Directors present were: Lawrence Brase, Brad Buck, Michelle Gardner, Randy Phillips, Merlin Rushton and Truman Wright.

Staff present: CEO Mark Hall, CFO Aaron Johnson, and Executive Assistant Debbie Howard.

2. Agenda Modifications – None.

3. Member and/or Public Participation – None.

4. Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve July 22, 2026, Board minutes. **MOTION** carried.

5. Reaffirmation – Anderson

Motion was made and seconded to reaffirm the motion approved at the July Board meeting to change SECPA board meetings to 10:00 .a.m. **MOTION** carried.

6. Chief Executive Officer – Hall

- Hall provided comments on his written report submitted to the Board.
- Related details of a meeting with managers involved in San Isabel solar project.
- Attended Colorado Manager's meeting in Buena Vista where Wildfire Mitigation was primary topic. SECPA's Wildfire Mitigation policy is being reviewed by legal counsel and will be presented to the Board for approval. Federated Insurance has recommended that SECPA install weather alert stations. Hall stated he believes legislation may be necessary to provide protection for co-ops.
- At the Buena Vista meeting , a company provided an overview of its line patrol system. Hall and Line Superintendent Mike Trumble later met with company representatives. They use vehicle-mounted cameras to assist electric utilities with mapping power lines and identifying potential issues. Hall provided estimated costs and plans to include the system in budget for consideration.
- Hall will attend Eastern Colorado Manager's meeting in Denver September 8th.
- Asked if there were any questions on the HR report that was included in the Board packet.
- Announced the SECPA Charity Golf tournament "kicks off" tonight.

7. C-Team Reports

A. Finance & Membership – Johnson

- July Financial reports were reviewed.
- July margins were \$39,620; YTD, negative \$252,620. (Primarily due to increased power cost.)
- YTD delinquent penalty charges through June \$132,447.
- There were 29 new memberships and 27 withdrawals. Active meters total 10,888.
- A three-year Engagement Agreement was executed with Kelso Lynch for audit and tax services.
- Wright requested a historical comparison of irrigation revenue and usage.
- Provided a verbal update to his written notes included in the Board packet.
- A financial forecast will be reviewed in Executive Session.

B. Operations – Hall

- Update on system operations, including 173 outages affecting 1,776 members, current projects, rolling line loss and crew activity.
- The status of several ongoing projects was reviewed.
- Monthly safety update was reviewed.

8. Affiliate Organization Board Reports

A. Western United Electric (WUE)- Gardner

- WUE July Sales and Finance report in board packet.

B. Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) - Gardner

- CREA Board meeting is August 27th & 28th .

C. Tri-State (T/S) G&T- Brase

- Tri-State Board report in board packet.
- Invited Directors to attend Tri-State Board orientation on September 30th 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- FERC has approved Tri-State's High Impact Load Tariff.
- Brase reported that, according to Tri-State, co-ops that no longer purchase power from Tri-State are currently paying, on average, approximately 12% more for their power supply.
- Hall explained SECPA's role in the Towner Wind Farms project.
- New ERA program application has proceeded; Tri-State anticipates funding by the end of the year.
- Tri-State is budgeting for a 7.8% increase for 2027.

9. Legal -

- Written report was included in the Board packet.

10. Executive Session -

Motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. to address financial forecast and confidential matters. **MOTION** carried.

11. Adjourn – Meeting reconvened following Executive Session and adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary