

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 **October 19, 2022**, at the SECPA headquarters, 27850 Harris Road, La Junta, CO.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

President Truman Wright called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Directors present were Lawrence Brase and Randy Phillips. Brad Buck (via video conference - left meeting at 12:20 p.m.) and Merlin Rushton (via video conference - left the meeting 1:15 p.m.) Clint Anderson and Kevin Karney were absent. CEO Kevin Brandon, CFO Craig McBrain, COO Mark Hall, CHRO Angela Bamber, and Executive Assistant Debbie Howard were also present. Casey Martin, outside legal counsel (participated via video conference.)

2. Agenda Modifications - None.

3. Member and/or Public Participation – None.

4. Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve September 21, 2022 minutes. **MOTION** carried.

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- Board Policy -116 *Annual Meeting & Voting Elections* was presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve policy with one modification, to add “*Candidates or their representative shall be given the opportunity to observe the election and voting process.*” **MOTION** carried.
- Motion was made and seconded to appoint Kevin Brandon as designated delegate and Lawrence Brase as alternate delegate to the Colorado National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Membership meeting and all Colorado meetings of the membership of NRECA until their respective successors are designated. **MOTION** carried.
- Motion was made and seconded for both SECPA and SECOM to cease participation in parades. **MOTION** carried.
- Brandon spoke with Lauren Boebert, Colorado U.S. Representative, at a local meet and greet. She indicated she is interested in further discussion.
- Brandon informed Directors that election information will be published in the November issue of *Colorado Country Life* magazine.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

6. Finance & Membership – McBrain

- Reviewed August Income Statement, Balance Sheet, various graphs & Check Register. (Included in Board packet.)
- August Net Margins, \$325,785; YTD, \$1,881,847.
- Cumulative Tri-State G&T Patronage Retired to SECPA (not SECPA members) report was presented; showed \$16.5M SECPA’s investment in Tri-State from 1972 thru 2021; Tri-State Allocation, \$24.6M; Tri-State Retired, thru 2005, \$8.2M. McBrain explained this has been paid to SECPA, but not passed to members historically. McBrain noted that this treatment inflates the equity ratio until the funds are passed on to members. Capital Credit discussion was included in the Cost-of-Service Study. Martin recommended that going forward SECPA should adopt best practices on how to handle Capital Credits.
- New Memberships for September totaled 36; 43 withdrawals; 10,928 bills. (Details in Board packet.)

7. Operations – Hall

- Various kWh graphs, Outages, Work Order, and Line Loss reports reviewed. (Included in Board packet.)
- Rolling line loss was equivalent to \$82,877. Hall continues to research ways to improve rolling line loss data.

- Hall gave a brief Safety Report (included in Board packet.) Safety meetings will be held quarterly.
- A member contacted Wright regarding an issue with late charges. Wright contacted Hall. Hall attempted to resolve the issue. Following a lengthy discussion, McBrain recommended to set a policy/process that would be fair and consistent for all members.

8. Legal – Martin

- Attorney invoice totaled \$5,572 (\$2,320 Interconnection & net metering filing)
- IMG Rail identified railroad crossing but does not have record of easements. He proposed that SECOM enter into an agreement with rail company to avoid a fee being passed to co-op members.

9. Human Resources – Bamber

- September payroll = \$387,389 (overtime = \$23,052); (other \$8,426 includes employee on-call time, vacation and sick leave payout); 50 employees
- Working Foreman, La Junta posted.
- Job offered Journeyman, La Junta.
- Resignation:
Bryce Wasson, Working Foreman, La Junta (Was recently promoted to Working Foreman.)

Leadership & Supervisor training was held for C-Team, managers, and supervisors. Plan to continue training with Peak Solutions and pursue other options.

10. Affiliate Organization Board Reports

A. Western United Electric (WUE) -

- Written summary included in Board packet.
- Brandon received letter from WUE stating that ERMCO is increasing prices 21-28%.

B. Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) -

- No meeting or report.

C. Tri-State G&T- Brase

- October Board report included in Board packet.
- Brase related Tri-State will probably not pay patronage capital this year.
- Continue to serve on Rate Design Committee.

11. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. for personnel and legal issues. **MOTION** carried.

Staff, except Brandon, left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



President



Secretary