

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 18, 2023**, 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 1:00 p.m. Directors present were Clint Anderson, Lawrence Brase, Michelle Gardner, and Merlin Rushton. Brad Buck and Randy Phillips were absent.

Staff present: CEO Kevin Brandon, COO Mark Hall, CFO Craig McBrain, CHRO Angela Bamber and Executive Assistant Debbie Howard. 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 20, 2023, Board minutes. **MOTION** carried.

5. Chief Executive Officer – Brandon

- United Power has replaced their legal counsel at FERC.
- Net metering update – Governor Jared Polis sent a letter to Colorado Energy Office directing the working group to provide recommendations for policy changes to the Governor no later than August 1, 2024.
- Brandon attended second session of Management Internship Program (MIP) in October.

6. Finance & Membership – McBrain

- Reviewed August Income Statement, Balance Sheet, various graphs & Check Register. (Included in Board packet.)
- August Net Margins, \$421,080; YTD, \$1,799,388.
- Will continue to attempt to get more current financials for Directors.
- Anderson asked what the \$23k NRECA membership dues are based on. He also questioned CREA dues and the significance to SECPA, noting this should be monitored.
- Brandon related that NRECA Broadband dues would be \$20k.
- Presented Resolution 23-02 approving allocation of 2022 margins totaling \$2,320,181 to members. Motion was made and seconded to approve resolution as presented. **MOTION** carried.
- There were 27 new memberships; 18 withdrawals.

7. Operations – Hall

- Various kWh graphs, Outages (50), Work Orders, and Line Loss reports reviewed. (Included in Board packet.)
- Rolling line loss was equivalent to \$32,613.
- Wright asked if there was insurance for the 500 poles lost this Summer; Hall replied no, but that he is hoping FEMA will cover part of cost.
- Safety Report given including training completed.
- Safety Manager participated in RESAP at United Power.

8. Legal – Martin

- Attorney invoice \$1,348; YTD \$22,688 (\$3,600 YTD for revising/editing Board policies.)
- Legal fees YTD for SECPA & SECOM total \$38,936.
- Attended CREA attorney meeting.
- Brandon asked the status of Springfield annexation; Martin waiting for response from Springfield attorney.

9. Human Resources – Brandon

- September payroll = \$400,879 (overtime = \$20,033); (other \$16,123 - includes employee on-call time); 50 employees
- Bamber presented August Benefits report which showed:
 - Employee benefit total employee cost of \$13,261 and employer cost of \$61,856 for a total NRECA Group Invoice total of \$75,117.
 - Pension plan employer benefit cost for 43 employees, \$45,226.
 - 401k employee contribution total is \$15,839 and employer match is \$12,155. NRECA Invoice total is \$27,994.

10. Affiliate Organization Board Reports

A. Western United Electric (WUE) - Anderson

- Written report in Board packet.

B. Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) – Absent

- No report in Board packet.

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

- Written report in Board packet.
- Gave an update on United Power's withdrawal from Tri-State and other co-ops also withdrawing.
- Notified Directors that if Tri-state has excess power, it may be offered at a lower price than members pay, but to remember SECPA receives additional services from Tri-State.

11. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. for personnel matter.
Howard, Hall, McBrain, and Bamber left the meeting.
Attorney remained.

-Meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

12. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



President



Secretary