

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 21, 2024**, 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 12:50 p.m. Directors present were Clint Anderson, Lawrence Brase, Brad Buck, Randy Phillips, and Merlin Rushton. Michelle Gardner was absent.

Staff present: CEO Kevin Brandon, CFO Aaron Johnson, COO Mark Hall, CHRO Angela Bamber, and Executive Assistant Debbie Howard.

Casey Martin, outside legal counsel, participated via conference call.

3. Member and/or Public Participation – None.

4. Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve July 17, 2024, Board minutes. **MOTION** carried.

5. Chief Executive Officer – Brandon

- Tri-State's (T/S) formulary wholesale rate and the Bring Your Own Resource (BYOR) Program were accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and T/S outlook was raised by S&P.
- Eastern Colorado Managers met. CREA employees Tim Coleman & Jenna Hirsh resigned. Coleman has joined broadband lobbyist Steve Balcerovich, who represents SECOM, SECPA's subsidiary broadband company.
- Attended WARN meeting; applied for grant 1 ½ years ago; \$2.2M contract with \$977K in-kind match.
- Regions 7 & 9 meeting will be held September 24-26 in Sacramento.

6. Finance & Membership – Johnson

- Reviewed June Income Statement, Balance Sheet, various graphs & Check Register.
- June Net Margins, \$41,072; YTD, \$1,146,231.
- Patronage allocation notices in the amount of \$2.3M will be mailed to members September 23rd.
- Discussed issues with USPS and member bills.
- There were 26 new memberships; 28 withdrawals; 11,149 accounts billed.
- Disconnects on July 10 for non-payment of May bills and not reconnected: 43 accounts totaling \$12,531 (Envex Baca, LLC represents 40 accounts, totaling \$3,224 and DOMF, LLC total is \$8,961.)

7. Operations – Hall

- Various kWh graphs, Outages (5,655), Work Orders, and Line Loss reports reviewed.
- Rolling line loss was equivalent to \$94,642.
- Working with NEI on a helium project.
- Submitting member damage claims (related to July outage) to T/S for payment.
- Phillips stated SECPA should not be a member of T/S if T/S is going to treat non-members better than members. Wright and Anderson agreed with Phillips. Wright asked Brase if T/S has a plan to take care of the July outage issue. Hall, Brase and Brandon met with T/S. Protocol has been put in place.
- Anderson commented that former CEO, Jack Johnston, had stated one time that with all of the co-ops withdrawing from T/S, SECPA would be one of ones left holding the bag.
- Update given on area crew projects.
- Safety Report: CREA Safety trainer conducted flagger/ladder certification training and Di-Electric tested one digger truck. Conducted two near miss investigations/incidents.

8. Legal – Martin

- June Invoice total \$2,630; July invoice total \$1,275.

- Monitoring La Plata and Tri-State case.

9. Human Resources – Bamber

- June payroll = \$488,192; (overtime = \$66,342); (other \$13,751 - includes employee on-call time.) 52 employees, including 3 summer employees.

Staffing Changes & Postings:

- Tyler Penick, Springfield Apprentice Lineman 1st step - started 8/12/24.
- Keenan Davis, Springfield Journeyman Lineman - started 8/12/24.
- Preston VanCampen, Lamar Apprentice Lineman 1st step - started 8/19/24.

10. Affiliate Organization Board Reports

A. Western United Electric (WUE)- Anderson

- Written report in board packet.
- Annual fish fry is scheduled for August 29th.

B. Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA)- Phillips

- Phillips will not attend Board meeting August 29-30.

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

- T/S Board report included in board packet.
- S&P rating went from negative to positive.
- FERC accepted 6.3% rate increase effective August 1.
- Copies of Electric Resource Adequacy Annual Report were distributed.

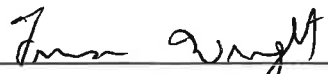
11. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded to enter executive session for confidential business matter and personnel matter at 3:00 p.m. **MOTION** carried.

- Attorney Martin left the meeting.
- Staff, except CEO, left Exec Session at 3:20 p.m.
- Bamber joined Exec Session at 3:40 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



President



Secretary