

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 July 19, 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 12:30 p.m. Directors present were Clint Anderson and Lawrence Brase. Merlin Rushton participated via video conference. Brad Buck and Randy Phillips were absent.

Staff present: CEO Kevin Brandon, CFO Craig McBrain and Executive Assistant Debbie Howard. COO Mark Hall participated video conference. Ann Jefferson, representing JVAM 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 June 21, 2023 minutes. **MOTION** carried.

5. Chief Executive Officer – Brandon

- Eastern Colorado Manager's meeting was held at San Isabel electric. Greg Mordini , Western United Electric, reported that sales were down. Department of Energy is considering changing efficiency standards for transformers (changing the type of steel.) Colorado Energy Office is putting together a net metering "closed" work group; CREA, Holy Cross and United Power are representing co-ops.
- Attended CEO Member Tri-State (T/S) meeting. Rate filing is June 15; FERC has 60 days to respond. T/S has engaged a firm to research the impact of how T/S will look if receive grant dollars and the exit of United Power.
- Invenergy has requested mapping data for Kiowa County; have leased 100K acres and plan to begin construction on a 500MW wind project in 2024; could be a positive for SECPA.
- CFC is sponsoring a Director Education workshop August 29-30 in Avon, CO. If any Director is interested in attending, contact Howard for registering and lodging.

6. Finance & Membership – McBrain

- Reviewed May Income Statement, Balance Sheet, various graphs & Check Register. (Included in Board packet.)
- May Net Margins, \$162,458; YTD, \$1,069,626.
- Memberships - 23 new; 23 withdrawals. YTD Delinquent charges - \$76,102. McBrain plans to change the format of the disconnect report. After previous discussion about SECPA Member Service Representatives (MSR's) calling members for disconnects, Brandon has discovered that NISC has a module (no additional cost) that automates calling members for disconnects, outages, etc. A study found that MSR's spend approximately 40 hours per month calling members about disconnects.
- McBrain presented loan advance rate options. Motion to approve transfer of \$1.7M loan advance on July 19, 2023 to a 30-year note with 5-year rate term was made and seconded. Purpose of the advance is to reimburse general fund for completed work plan projects. **MOTION** carried.

7. Operations – Hall

- Various kWh graphs, Outages, Work Orders, and Line Loss reports reviewed. (Included in Board packet.)
- Rolling line loss was equivalent to \$87,501.

- Safety Report given.
 - Patrick Wykcoff and Sebastian Wollert passed Mesa Hotline School Journeyman's test in Grand Junction.
 - Hall was appointed to the Mesa Hotline School Board.
 - Since the June 21st Board meeting, SECPA has lost 250 poles due to storms.
 - Announced several position changes in Lamar.
 - Posting a position for Apprentice Lineman in Lamar.
 - Explained how new poles have been supplied.
 - Directors gave kudos to the line crews on doing a great job during the storms.
- 8. Legal –**
- Attorney invoice \$1,723; YTD \$19,074 (\$3,526 YTD for revising/editing Board policies.)
 - Legal fees YTD for SECPA & SECOM total \$31,627.
 - Xcel is being sued by 150 insurance companies over the Marshall fire. Encouraged SECPA to have policies for fire cases.
 - Anderson asked about policies that were tabled at May meeting; Brandon told him policies will be reviewed at August meeting.
- 9. Human Resources – Bamber**
- June payroll = \$443,114 (overtime = \$60,865); (other \$15,619 - includes employee on-call time); 56 employees (includes 5 Summer employees.)
 - Separations/Job Changes:
 - Dominick Gregory – Apprentice La Junta
 - Garrett Wertz – Working Foreman to Serviceman, Lamar
 - Jacob Barnes – Serviceman to Journeyman, Lamar
 - Troy Eberhardt – Warehouseman to Working Foreman, Lamar
 - Jobs Posted:
 - Foreman, Lamar (filled internally)
 - Serviceman, Lamar (filled internally)
 - Warehouseman, Lamar
- 10. Affiliate Organization Board Reports**
- A. Western United Electric (WUE) - Anderson
- Written report in Board packet.
 - Open house will be held September 14th.
- B. Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) –
- Written report in Board packet.
- C. Tri-State (T/S) G&T- Brase
- Written report in Board packet.
 - Tri-State is changing to Oracle software (cost \$24M.)
 - Brase was able to provide important documents to T/S regarding the changing of priorities on water.
- 11. Executive Session – None.**
- 12. Adjourn** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



 President



 Secretary

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Minutes of Special Board Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) was held **July 19, 2023** at the association headquarters, 27850 Harris Road, La Junta, CO.

Call to Order/ Roll Call

President Truman Wright called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Directors present were: Clint Anderson and Lawrence Brase. Merlin Rushton participated via video conference. Brad Buck and Randy Phillips were absent. Executive Assistant Debbie Howard was also present.

Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing District 5 Board Director candidates. **MOTION** carried.

Howard left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

Howard joined the meeting.

Other Business – None.

Adjourn – There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



President



Secretary