
MINUTES OF MEETING
San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 28, 2024

The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the headquarters office located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Directors present were Keenan Anderson (president), Stephen Valdez (vice-president), Wade Lockhart (secretary), Carol Lee Dugan (arrived at 9:45 AM), Kim Wakasugi, Scott Wolfe and Creede Hargraves. Also present were Tyler Denning (corporate attorney), Eric Eriksen (chief executive officer), JoAn Waudby (chief financial officer), Stacy Valdez (customer service/billing manager), Terry Daley (engineer), Shawn McKibbon (chief operations officer), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/communications manager), and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary).

Call to Order

Keenan Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome of Guest(s)

Delaine Orendorff of NRECA was welcomed to the meeting. She attended virtually for the review of the 2024 NRECA Chief Executive Officer compensation survey.

Executive Session

Motion was made to enter into executive session at 9:31 a.m. for the discussion of the NRECA compensation survey.

Motion was made to convene public session at 10:47 a.m. with no action taken.

Member Communication

Mail was circulated among the board members.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve the consent agenda as amended below. The consent agenda included the amended meeting agenda for the addition of the Approval of a Microgrid Commitment Resolution and the April 30, 2024 board meeting minutes.

Management Reports

CEO/Executive Report: CEO Eric Eriksen reviewed the submitted report. Further discussion was held on the recent storm event, overall system reliability and transmission into the Valley.

Safety Report: Michelle Trujillo reviewed the submitted safety report and it stood as presented. It was further mentioned that safety was a top priority among our own crews as well as the contract crews during the storm event. Creede Hargraves stated that at a recent meeting he attended it was recommended that the board of directors review insurance policies, be aware of current safety efforts up to and including periodic review of tailboard documents and be provided a summary of plans for safety improvements.

Reliability Report: The report submitted was reviewed. Terry Daley had stepped out of the room during this time and Shawn McKibbon was available to discuss more details regarding the recent outage event.

Cyber Security: Ross Coombs reviewed the cyber report and it stood as presented.

Human Resources: Michelle Trujillo reviewed the submitted report and it stood as presented. Annual statistical graphs were present and discussed.

Marketing: Jennifer Alonzo reviewed the submitted report. Discussion was held regarding home efficiency offerings, how expensive heat pumps are and available credits.

Lunch: 12:08 PM

Reconvene: 12:46 PM

Member Services: Stacy Valdez reviewed the submitted report and spoke in more detail about eliminating the opt-out meter reading option. Discussion ensued and the board supported efforts for elimination.

Operations: Shawn McKibbon reviewed the operations report that included video footage of the outage areas.

Financial Report: JoAn Waudby reviewed the submitted report. Waudby pointed out that expenses are down, the mills for April were better than budgeted and she submitted a banking comparison of services and offerings. The board supported changing to an industry-known bank for needed services and cost saving advantages.

Approval of Board Policies

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried by those present to approve the following Board Policies:

BP 2-002	CEO Accountability and Monitoring
BP 2-003	Delegation to the CEO
BP 2-004	CEO Evaluation and Compensation Process

Approval of 2024 Audit

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve the 2024 Audit as presented during the April 30, 2024 board meeting.

Approval of the Spring Early Estate Capital Credit Retirement

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve the Spring Early Estate Capital Credit Retirement.

Approval of a Microgrid Commitment Letter and Resolution

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve a Microgrid Commitment Letter and Board Resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is committed to exploring the possibility of installing microgrids on our distribution grid. The Board of Directors of San

Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Monte Vista, Colorado directed Chief Executive Officer Eric Eriksen and staff to pursue the Microgrids for Community Resilience (MCR) Program Planning Grant.

Agreements for Purchase of Power

The current list of Agreements for Purchase of Power was reviewed and discussed. (Copy attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Corporate Attorney – Tyler Denning

Denning reviewed the submitted report and it stood as presented.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Colorado Rural Electric Association – Stephen Valdez

Valdez reviewed the submitted report. He talked about the recent tour of the lineman school campus and recapped the recent legislative session.

Western United – Stephen Valdez

Valdez reviewed the submitted report and stated that the next scheduled meeting is in August 2024.

Tri-State – Scott Wolfe

Wolfe reviewed the submitted report and stated that Tri-State is starting the process to enter into the RTO. He went on to report that the entire Tri-State fleet of vehicles and equipment were inspected recently and only 2 minor findings were reported, stated that the 200 MW Escalante Solar plant will be online soon and then discussion was held regarding the Bring Your Own Resource (BYOR) Program.

Before the NRECA report was given, Creede Hargraves was recognized for completing the requirements to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

NRECA Voting Delegate– Creede Hargraves

Hargraves reviewed upcoming matters that NRECA will be focused on such as the EPA Power Plant Rule and the difficulties extinguishing lithium battery fires.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming annual meeting and how to present the electronic notification and voting process and potential concerns with member engagement. It was noted that electronic votes count towards the quorum requirement.

New Business

None

Future Dates:

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors was set for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Board Comments:

None

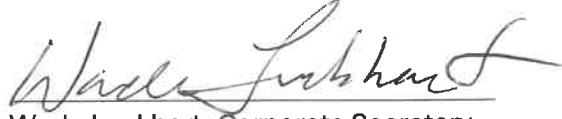
Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 PM.



Keenan Anderson, President

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Wade Lockhart, Corporate Secretary



Michelle Trujillo, Recording Secretary