

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Felicelli called the meeting of the San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) Board of Directors to order at 9:33 AM. All Directors were present with the exception of Director Sibold.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Garvey motioned to approve the revised consent agenda (June 26, 2018) to include the May 22, 2018 meeting minutes. Director Justis seconded. Director Alexander revised the motion to approve the revised consent agenda (June 26, 2018) with the change from Jim Link to add an item under 9. Miscellaneous A. Re-affirmation of Directors Creed for the continuing Directors. Director Rhoades seconded. The motion was voted and carried.

3. MEMBER OR CONSUMER COMMENTS

General Member/Consumer Comments

- Director Garvey received an email from a Member and forwarded to Manager Zaporski. Manager Oliver followed up with the Member regarding the letter.
- Following the Annual Meeting Director Garvey received a comment regarding concerns with the training of the older crowd with the new technology (SmartHub). Manager Tea responded that they will address some of the training with Members in the marketing strategy of SmartHub.
- Director Garvey also spoke of her husband, Stan, upset when the tree trimming truck got stuck on their property after watering. Paul Enstrom took care of the follow up with the tree trimmers.
- Manager Zaporski followed up with Director Rhoades regarding the estimate on the Anvil Mountain project in Silverton from last month's meeting. The estimate was nothing out of the ordinary, but, due to the payment history of the county, the deposit could be removed. Director Rhoades will contact them to review the estimate.
- Manager Zaporski clarified where the Board would like to see Member complaints that filter through the office. It was agreed to keep those types of complaints in the Member Services board report and to keep the Member or Consumer Comments for those remarks, comments, or suggestions that happen in person to the Directors or management.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING

All-encompassing program to expand local renewables- Manager Freeman

Manager Freeman discussed requesting grant monies from the state of Colorado for a DC Supercharger charging station. This type of car charging station requires 3 Phase power and differs significantly from the charger in Ridgway. The Supercharger would create some unique challenges regarding peak time usage and ownership of the actual station. Rico is looking at installation of a new Level 2 charger, similar to Ridgway's. Due to the Telluride Sports article in our newsletter we have had several new Green Block subscriptions. Member Services is testing the new branding of Green Blocks to see if there is any increase in interest for our programs with the new carbon clear initiatives. Manager Freeman also discussed a potential small Policy 115 project. He believes we are still under our 5% contractual limit. He discussed that we are now just over 50% with the Norwood IQ Solar and have 29 new participants in 2018.

Implement beneficial technology- Manager Tea

Manager Tea went over the timeline and components of the new software, NISC, that will be implemented this summer. The customer care and billing will go live August 6th and the next large piece, accounting and business solutions will go live August 27th. Mapping, staking and outage management system will go live December 10th.

5. CEO REPORT

Annual Meeting

Manager Zaporski spoke briefly about the Annual Meeting hosted at our Nucla location on June 7, 2018. The feedback he has received has all been very positive; nothing negative.

Broadband Summit

Manager Zaporski explained the he and Jeremy Fox, Planning Supervisor attended the Mountain Connect conference in Vail which has turned into a very large event over the past several years. He briefed the Board on the future possibilities of the 5G network and mesh networking. The conference had a lot of local attention, to include the Sheriff Department and county staff. Overall, Manager Zaporski felt Mountain Connect was very beneficial. Manager Zaporski was also able to make key contacts for several of the legacy Fiber agreements in place at SMPA.

Policy 118 Project

The Policy 118 project is moving along and Manager Zaporski will discuss further in Executive Session.

Introduction of Employee Guests

There were no employee guests in attendance this month.

Corporate Donations

Carbon Neutral Coalition- The Pinhead Institute

Director Justis made a motion to donate \$500 to the Carbon Neutral Coalition; asking Basin Electric Power Cooperative to match SMPA's donation. Director Felicelli seconded. Director Cokes as also in favor, but, Director Garvey, Rhoades and Alexander had nay votes. Due to the 3-3 tie, the motion did not pass.

Mountainfilm

Director Garvey made a motion to donate \$500 to Mountainfilm; asking Basin Electric Power Cooperative to match SMPA's donation. Director Rhoades seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Telluride Rotary Club

Director Garvey motioned to donate \$500 to the Telluride Rotary Club; asking Basin Electric Power Cooperative to match SMPA's donation. Director Cokes seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Ouray Highgraders Miners Park

Director Rhoades motioned to donate \$1000 to the Ouray Highgraders; asking Basin Electric Power Cooperative to match SMPA's donation. Director Garvey seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Board Donations

There were no Board of Director donations this month.

Finance Update

Manager Mertz reviewed his report and noted on the Form 7 new services are up significantly, due to the closing out and cleaning up old work orders. Manager Mertz attend the CFC Forum and Manager Zaporski explained that while Bill was there, he received Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA) training, passed and received both certifications.

Safety and Regulatory Compliance

Paul Enstrom explained a near miss from a Member in Ouray County. In an attempt to repair his water system, the Member discovered electric lines located in water line pipe on his property. Luckily the line he cut through was not energized. Also discussed was another near miss out of Paradox. Mr. Enstrom and the crews received training on Tri-State switching on our own new Telluride/Mt. Village line. The training included Tri-State linemen, our linemen, and Dispatch staff and was very well received since we were practicing on our own lines. Mr. Enstrom finished up his last session of the Certified Loss Control Professional (CLCP) certificate through NRECA and the National Utility Training and Safety Education Association (NUTSEA).

Marketing & Member Services

Manager Freeman had no other updates other than his report.

Information Technology

Manager Tea reminded the Board that we are reaching the one-year anniversary, July 21st, of the lightning strike at our Ridgway office that caused significant damage. This was not the first lightning strike to one of our locations. We now have a halo system at all three of our facilities and surge protection as secondary protection.

Administration & Human Resources

Policy Availability (Policy 5.00)

Director Rhoades motioned to approve Policy 5.00 Policy Availability with modification. Director Alexander seconded. The motion was voted and carried.

Resolution adopting the Roth option on NRECA 401K plan(s)

Director Justis motioned to approve the addition of the Roth option to SMPA's 401K plans. Director Garvey seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Engineering

Manager Riley reported that the fiber project is moving along and doing well.

Operations

Manager Oliver updated the Board that the Federated Strategy Lab is hosted at the CREA offices July 9-12th and that the linemen attending this year is Darcy Weimer, along with himself, Paul Enstrom and Manager Zaporski. He explained that outages will have a higher duration due to the Stage II fire restrictions in most areas; we are requiring crews to physically patrol lines.

6. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Director Cokes made a motion at 1:08 PM to enter into executive session for personnel and contractual issues. Director Alexander seconded. The motion was voted on and carried. The board entered into executive session at 1:08 PM and came out at 2:58 PM. While in executive session no decisions were made, nor votes taken.

7. ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS

CREA- Bob Justis

Director Justis distributed notes from the meeting in Sterling, CO. In addition to the distributed meeting notes Board Members took a tour of the wind farm. Each turbine costs 3-6 million to build. The also went to the Overland Trail Museum, where he learned about one of the first Directors of the Rural Electrical Association, appointed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was from Sterling. Director Justis explained that CREA (Kent Singer) is having some challenges with Tri-State working with the legislature.

Western United- Dave Alexander

Director Alexander reported there was no meeting this month but that the Annual Fish Fry will be August 30th if anyone would like to attend.

Eco Action- Jack Sibold

n/a

Tri-State – Jack Sibold

n/a

8. BOARD TRAVEL

n/a

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Re-affirmation of the Directors Creed for continuing Directors

Election of Board of Directors Officers

Director Rhoades motioned to keep the current Director Officers. Director Alexander seconded. The motion was voted and passed.

10. BOARD CALENDAR REVIEW

n/a

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2018 in Nucla.

12. ADJOURN

Director Garvey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 PM. Director Rhoades seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.



Dave Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer