

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Felicelli called the meeting of the San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) Board of Directors to order at 9:30 AM. All Directors were present.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Garvey motioned to approve the revised consent agenda (March 28, 2017) to include: February 28, 2017 meeting minutes and the re-ratification to offer SMPA Scholarships to Paradox Valley School and Telluride Mountain School. Director Alexander seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. MEMBER OR CONSUMER COMMENTS

- Director Sibold spoke with Ted Collin who was very appreciative that his pole was moved.
- Director Rhoades explained that there was an outage in Silverton and was very thankful that Jeff Shea was there. Director Rhoades said members were very appreciative.
- Director Justis spoke about a memo sent regarding an area consultant Kevin Koon who now lives in Telluride and has volunteered to help us in regard to Electricity Resource Planning (ERP). The group had discussion regarding ERPs. Manager Zaporski talked briefly regarding Tri-State's ERP and Mr. Koon and his ideas, experience, and expertise. Manager Zaporski suggested that we invite him to come and speak with our group.
- Director Alexander spoke with some people on Wilson Mesa who are not happy how the linemen have been accessing the area. Manager Zaporski suggested speaking to Manager Oliver regarding specifics to make sure we take care of the issue.
- Manager Felicelli had contact with a number of members when getting his election petition signatures and felt that overall people were positive.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Director Zaporski distributed a simplified version of the Strategic Objectives as a foundational document for staff and Board Members reference. The next step of the process is to meet with the Managers communicate the final Strategic Objectives and Delegate to them who will be responsible for what. After the objectives are delegated each manager will be responsible for creating the strategic initiatives to achieve the objectives. This list will include timelines for the initiatives to be completed and a rotation of reporting on each will be done in the Strategic Review Meeting. Manager Zaporski would like to review with the Board any key performance indicator metrics that the Board will be using to measure staff performance. Overall the Board of Directors agree that the list looks good. Director Justis suggested adding Professional development of workforce to include the Board. Director Felicelli explained that they would like to bring in some experts to give additional training. Director Sibold suggested quarterly education for the Board, similar to Tri-State. Director Sibold would also like to review the initiatives monthly as we move forward, as direction may change.

5. CEO REPORT

Employee Guests

There are two new employee guests, Doug Tea the new IT Manager and Kerri Trosper the new Customer Service Representative. The Board did brief introductions of District, years on the SMPA board, and professional background. The employees then gave a brief introduction. Kerri Trosper is a lifelong resident of Redvale, has two boys, and is excited for the opportunity. Doug Tea worked for DMEA for twenty years; prior to that at Colorado Ute. He is glad to be on board and looking forward to getting together a technology plan. Doug is married, has two boys, and lives in Montrose.

Member Wendy Fenner, from Ridgway joined the meeting after the member comment time frame. She introduced herself and a brief description of her community involvement. Wendy was instrumental in the LED retro fit project in Ridgway.

Corporate Donations

The board reviewed the following donation applications:

- a.) Friends of the Ridgway Library - \$1,550
- b.) Nucla/Norwood AAU - \$500

Director Rhoades motioned to approve a donation of \$250 to the Nucla/Norwood AAU. Director Garvey seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Director Cokes motioned to approve a donation of \$500 in total to the Friends of Ridgway Library. Director Justis seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Board Donations

Director Sibold donated \$200 to the Friends of Ridgway Library.

Director Felicelli donated \$100 to One to One Mentoring for the Card Board Derby.

Finance Update

Manager Rutherford reported that we are slightly ahead of budget for operating margins and slightly below for revenues and costs. SMPA is right on budget. We are nearing the time to make a decision on retiring capital credits. Manager Rutherford suggests that we postpone the decision until later in the year (July or August), as we did last year. This would give enough time to see our cash position. Later in the year we may be more cash strapped depending on our spending on our work plan, and also factoring in the timing of when we get reimbursement monies from Tri-State. The loan application will be on track for fall of this year. Joshua Hainey did a Form 7 explanation- giving a brief description of each field on Statement of Operations form and answered questions. Joshua is looking for some feedback on direction in the Form 7 trainings and what the Board would like to see moving forward. Next month it was agreed to look at some of the major financial ratios.

Marketing & Member Services

Manager Freeman updated the Board on the IQ Solar project that was started in 2015, the meter has a delivery delay until April 7th that has further delayed the project. We have ten people who have already signed up for the program and all are very understanding.

SMC BOCC Meeting update

Manager Zaporski and Director Felicelli had a work session with the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners very specific to renewable energy. They had questions about our relationship with Tri-State, FERC rules and regulations, and how they can help facilitate bringing more local renewable energy to the area. This was mostly an educational opportunity of what we have done in the past and what we are doing now, regarding renewable projects. Overall the work session was beneficial. The Board had discussion regarding our QF rate and the topic of the Pin Head program for moving the Galloping Goose to electric and the impact.

Mountainfilm "The New Normal" campaign

SMPA will be working with Mountainfilm during their festival this year with a booth that will highlight action and advocacy. Action will be to promote our Green Cents and Green Block programs with sign-up sheets. Advocacy will try to gauge interest for new community solar with a sign-up sheet.

Manager Freeman updated the Board regarding the speaker options for the Annual Meeting. The Board selected David Nunn from Ridgway for music at the Annual Meeting.

Information Technology

Manager Zaporski said the major update is the new IT Manager, Doug Tea. We are working on replacing uninterrupted power supplies (UPSs).

Administration & Human Resources

Manager Reams explained that both her and Manager Freeman were very pleased with the last interview for the Energy Services Technician position and still have one more interview. She is still working on the Staff Engineer job description; the draft was sent to Manager Riley for review. The Finance Manager position may be posted soon depending on the timing of Manager Rutherford's retirement. Manager Reams has finished up the Union Grievance paperwork and the meeting is scheduled for April 12th in Ridgway. Manager Reams also wanted the Board to review the RS Plan that was part of her Administration & Human Resources board report, and noted this item will be revisited in the future if we would like to bring back the pension option.

Sick Leave (Policy 6.04)

Bereavement Leave (Policy 6.04B)

Director Garvey motioned to approve Policy 6.04 and 6.04B as presented. Director Rhoades seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

At 1:00 PM the Board and Management took a tour of the New Horizon Mine, in Nucla (Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation).

Engineering

Manager Riley updated the Board that we received the Gyp Valley transformer yesterday. He along with other cooperative managers are still working to develop the criteria for the Hosing Capacity Study.

Operations

Manager Oliver explained that Operations has continued shifting staff for coverage and this is changing with mobility. He is still evaluating if he will fill the Telluride open position, or if we will bring on an apprentice.

Safety and Regulatory Compliance

Manager Zaporski updated the board in the absence of Paul Enstrom. Safety committee is now full, the missing members have now been replaced. Manager Zaporski reviewed RESAP (Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program, safety program through CREA). We are due for the second visit sometime this year. Adding a foreman for tree trimming seems to be working really well.

6. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Director Garvey made a motion at 2:38 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 2:38 PM and came out at 3:38 PM. While in executive session no decisions were made, nor votes taken.

7. ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS

CREA- Bob Justis

N/A

Western United– Dave Alexander

N/A

Tri-State – Jack Sibold

Approximately 2/3 of Tri-States energy comes from Tri States generation in Jan. bought 4% soft purchases, in Dec. 9%. Escalante running at lower level until summer irrigation season. Tri-State changed depreciation due to a FIRC ruling. They also had an Education Session (handouts to each Director for review).

Director Sibold reviewed Tri-State Operation Summary presentation.

Eco Action Partners – Jack Sibold

N/A

8. BOARD TRAVEL

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Director Rhoades motioned to approve Director Sibold as the Tri-State representative and Director Justis as the alternate. Director Garvey seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

10. BOARD CALENDAR REVIEW


n/a

11. NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Ridgway at the SMPA office.

12. ADJOURN

Director Rhoades motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 PM. Director Garvey seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.



Dave Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer