

ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) met by conference call on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Following appropriate notice, Vice President Lorenz Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ARPA Board Members present:

HOLLY: Calvin Melcher

LA JUNTA: Gary Cranson
P. Lorenz Sutherland

LAMAR: Houssin Hourieh (also a member of the Operating Committee)
Roger Stagner

LAS ANIMAS: Ron Clodfelter (also a member of the Operating Committee)
Rick Stwalley¹

SPRINGFIELD: None

TRINIDAD: Carlos Lopez

ARPA Staff present:

Rick Rigel, General Manager

Arvenia Morris, Office Manager

Aarin Ritter, Manager of Finance and Accounting

ARPA Legal Counsel present:

Ryan Tharp, Director-Fairfield and Woods, PC²

Others (guests) present:

Rick Klein, City Manager, City of La Junta

Dustin Ramsey, Meter Technician, Las Animas Municipal Light & Power

Bill Jackson, Assistant City Manager, City of La Junta, ARPA Operating Committee member

Frank McKenzie, Chairman, Utility Board, City of La Junta

Ed Vela, City Council, City of La Junta

Darwin Hansen, Town of Springfield

Jay Suhler, Town of Springfield

Clifford Boxley, Lamar Utilities Board

¹ Left the meeting at 10:15

² Left the meeting at 9:54, rejoined the meeting at 10:22.

QUORUM: A quorum of the Board was present and voting at the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Vice President Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Secretary Morris took roll call. Guests were those listed on page 1. Board Members Mike Tanner and Mike Valentine were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2020 REGULAR MEETING: The minutes of the January 30, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved as presented by motion from Board Member Melcher and second by Board Member Lopez.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING BILLS: a. January 2020 Financial Statement. Aarin Ritter, Manager of Finance and Accounting, presented the January 2020 financial statements. Board Member Hourieh moved, seconded by Board Member Cranson, and approved unanimously to accept the January 2020 financial statement and pay outstanding bills.

OPERATING REPORT: The Board received the Operating Report for January 2020. **a. Wind Generation Report.** The Board received the wind generation report for January 2020.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT: The Operating Committee met on February 20 by conference call. The General Manager provided a written report and provided a summary of discussion at the meeting. One item of discussion was a Waste-To-Energy (WtE) System project, a 22 MW plant, currently planned to be located in Fort Morgan. The Committee had several questions and requested staff arrange to have someone from CR Energy attend a future meeting to provide additional information.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT: a. Report on Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) Application. The Parties continue to negotiate the final Agreements. The main points of discussion in the NITS include Ancillary Services and Schedule 2 for Reactive Supply and Voltage Control. **b. Update on FERC Filing.** The General Manager provided an update on Tri-State's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and rate filings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). ARPA filed an intervention and protest with regards to the transmission rate Tri-State filed and "doc-less" interventions for its filing on rates, market power, etc. FERC has not issued an order as to whether any or all of Tri-State's filings are accepted. **c. Consider LRP Sales Agency Agreement-Action Item.** Just prior to the meeting, a draft contract was received from IPP. Staff will work with its legal team to review the contract. More information will be provided at the March meeting. **d. Miscellaneous.** A written and verbal report was provided to the Board. The General Manager reported on current developments regarding HB-20-1019, Prison Population Reduction And Management. In the 2020 Legislative session, General Manager Rigel reviewed the bills CAMU is currently monitoring including HB20-1089, Employee Protection Lawful Off-duty Activities; HB20-1138, Public Real

Property Index; SB20-150, Renewable Gas Standard. The General Manager attended APPA's Legislative Rally February 24-26. He met with 6 Colorado representatives including representatives from both Senator Bennet and Gardner's offices.

NEW BUSINESS: a. Discussion on CREC Energy - Pyrolysis. The Board received information regarding the Waste-To-Energy (WtE) System project, a 22 MW plant, currently planned in Fort Morgan. Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) is negotiating terms for a Purchase Power Agreement for a portion of the plant output. Per the Operating Committee's recommendation, staff will have someone from CR Energy and/or MEAN call into or attend the March meeting to provide additional information.

PLANNING AND COMMUNICATION: The Board received copies of the description and nomination forms for the Gordon Robertson, Tom Pryor, and Honor Roll of Merit awards. Nominations are due April 1, 2020. **b. ARPA Scholarship Program.** The 2020 scholarship program is underway. Scholarships are \$1000 funded equally between ARPA and the ARPA member municipality. **c. APPA National Conference.** The APPA National Conference is June 5-10, 2020, in Long Beach, California. Registration for the conference and hotel should be made by May 15.

MEMBER CITIES' REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 26, 2020 at the Cultural Events Center in Lamar.

ADJOURN: The February 27, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Arvenia L. Morris
Secretary