

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020
9:00 AM

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:00 AM on March 17, 2020 by conference call from the ARPA offices at 3409 South Main Street, Lamar, CO. Members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), and Dean Duran (Trinidad). Also in attendance were Dustin Ramsey (Las Animas), Rick Gumke (La Junta), ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Arvenia Morris and Aarin Ritter. Mike Valentine (Trinidad) and Bill Jackson (La Junta) were absent. Others in attendance included Brian Meek, Director of Training & Safety at Kansas Municipal Utilities.

Call to order: Chairman Clodfelter called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

The following items were added under Miscellaneous: a. Discussion on the March 26 Board of Directors meeting; b. Safety trainings scheduled in April in La Junta and Las Animas; c. Lineman Appreciation Day lunches.

Training – Kansas Municipal Utilities – Brian Meek

Brian Meek, Director of Training & Safety at Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) provided a background of KMU. KMU is a trade association for Kansas Utilities, similar to CAMU, that provides extensive safety and technical training services for utilities. Brian provided a brief summary of the training they offer, the cost of the training(s), and how it might work for the ARPA members.

Miscellaneous:

a. Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 26 Face-to-face vs WebCast. ARPA staff had a telephone call with ARPA Board President Rick Stwalley last week. It was the President's conclusion the best alternative would be to meet by WebCast. The meeting was to be held in the Cultural Events Center in Lamar; however, the City of Lamar has closed the Cultural Events Center and the Community Building until further notice. The Committee was in agreement with the President that the March 26 Board meeting should be held by WebCast.

Member cities reported on closures/changes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Las Animas: Clodfelter reported the City has closed the city hall offices to the public.

La Junta: Gumke reported the City of La Junta closed their offices along with the Senior Center and the Library.

Trinidad: Duran reported the City of Trinidad has also closed their city hall to the public.

Lamar: Hourieh reported the City of Lamar has not closed their offices to the public yet but are meeting at 11:00 AM to discuss.

Member cities reported on waiving disconnect procedures during this Pandemic.

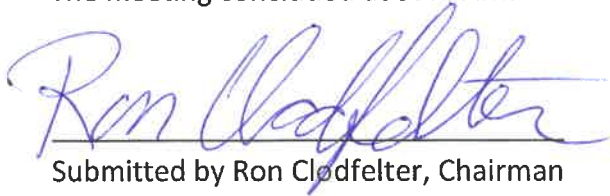
Most, if not all, the cities will follow their current disconnect procedures.

b. Safety trainings, Pole top and bucket truck rescue training April 15 & 16. The determination of whether to hold the safety trainings in April will be re-evaluated in early April.

c. Lineman Appreciation Day lunches. The Governor of Colorado has ordered all restaurants be closed for a period of time so the determination of whether to hold the lineman appreciation lunches will be re-evaluated in early April.

Adjourn:

The meeting concluded at 9:44 AM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Clodfelter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman