

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 4, 2021
9:00 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:00 AM on Thursday, March 4, 2021 by ZOOM. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Dean Duran (Trinidad), Heath Piper (Springfield) and Bill Jackson (La Junta). Also, in attendance were Dustin Ramsey (Las Animas), Chris Kirmer (Holly), Rick Gumke, Ed Salazar, and Chris Arguello (La Junta) and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel and Aarin Ritter.

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

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

Discussion on Self Supply of Renewables: In looking at the responses to the Request for Proposal, the ARPA Board thought it would be worthwhile to do some research/analysis on what might be possible for self-supply of renewables. There are several factors to consider when installing solar generation such as substation capacity, interconnection to members distribution or other transmission system, transmission capacity, and availability of land. The Committee discussed potential sites for developing solar facilities.

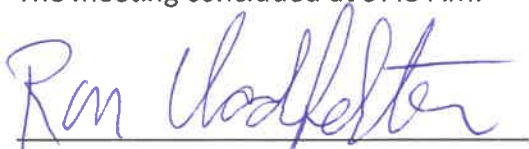
Next steps include:

- Contact Dean and Mike in Trinidad (and eventually San Isabel) to discuss San Isabel development of solar in Trinidad area;
- Provide list of solar developers (3-5) identified by JK Energy to the Committee;
- Develop talking points for solar developers to initiate discussion;
- Ron Clodfelter will contact Calvin Feik at the Bent County as a courtesy that ARPA is researching self-supply of renewables.

Miscellaneous: None.

Adjourn:

The meeting concluded at 9:45 AM.


Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman