

ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) met by GoToMeeting and conference call on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Following appropriate notice, Vice President Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ARPA Board Members present:

HOLLY: Calvin Melcher
Michael Tanner¹

LA JUNTA: Gary Cranson
P. Lorenz Sutherland

LAMAR: Roger Stagner²

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

SPRINGFIELD: Darwin Hansen³
Jay Suhler

TRINIDAD: Carlos Lopez⁴
Mike Valentine

ARPA Staff present:

Rick Rigel, General Manager
Arvenia Morris, Office Manager
Aarin Ritter, Manager of Finance and Accounting

ARPA Legal Counsel present:

Peter Edwards, Director-Fairfield and Woods, PC

Others (guests) present:

Bill Jackson, Assistant City Manager, City of La Junta, Operating Committee member
Ed Vela, City Council, City of La Junta
Heath Piper, Electric Superintendent, Town of Springfield, Operating Committee member
Dustin Ramsey, Meter Technician, City of Las Animas *

* Attended from the ARPA office

¹ Attended the meeting from 9:00 – 10:25 AM

² Attended the meeting from 9:00 – 10:40 AM

³ Joined the meeting at 9:20 AM

⁴ Attended the meeting from 9:00 – 10:40 AM

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 President Stwalley and Board Member Hourieh were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the JANUARY 28, 2021 MEETING: The minutes of the January 28, 2021 regular meeting was unanimously approved by motion from Board Member Cranson, second by Board Member Melcher.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING BILLS: a. **January 2021 Financial Statement.** Finance Manager Ritter presented the January 2021 financial statement. Board Member Clodfelter moved, seconded by Board Member Stagner, and approved unanimously to accept the January financial statement and pay outstanding bills. b. **2020 4th Quarter Financial Review (Unaudited):** The Board received the 4th quarter (unaudited) financial review. The 2020 audit is scheduled to be completed early in March.

OPERATING REPORT: The Board received the Operating Report for January 2021. a. **Wind Report.** The Board received the wind generation report for January 2021. In addition to the January 2021 report, the Board received a comparison of the generation from 2005 through 2020.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The Operating Committee met on Thursday, February 18 in Las Animas. General Manager Rigel provided a report on the discussion at the meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT: A written and verbal report was provided to the Board. a. **Update on the Demolition of the LRP.** The 3rd Amendment to the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement with the City of Lamar became effective on February 8. The General Manager updated the Board on the demolition work currently underway at the LRP site. b. **Power Supply Update.** The General Manager began an initial discussion on the potential for ARPA, or the ARPA members, to self-supply between 10-25 MW of renewable generation beginning in 2025. John Krajewski, ARPA's consultant for the power supply RFP indicated that a solar facility is a better fit for ARPA's load profile, than wind. The General Manager reviewed the issues to consider in developing a solar facility. c. **Strategic Plan Update.** The General Manager reviewed matters for consideration, and potential solutions, as ARPA develops its strategic plan. d. **Miscellaneous. Texas (ERCOT) Power Outage.** The Board discussed the comparison of the Colorado electric grid and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) as it relates to the large outage in Texas resulting from the polar vortex that occurred in February. *Wind Turbine Generator Metering.* As a condition of ARPA's Network Integrated Transmission Service agreement, ARPA is required to install real-time metering on the wind farms. ARPA is in the process of contracting with Tri-State Metering

for those installations. *CDPHE Clean Energy Plan*. The Clean Energy Plan is moving forward. Currently there is no immediate impact on ARPA/Member's operations. *LUB Territorial Service Complaint with CPUC Against SECPA*. Members were encouraged to submit a letter of support to the CPUC regarding LUB's complaint against SECPA.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PLANNING AND COMMUNICATION: a. ARPA Scholarship Program. The 2021 scholarship program is underway. Scholarships are \$1,000 funded equally between ARPA and the ARPA member municipality.

MEMBER CITIES' REPORTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CRS § 24-6-402 (4)(b) and (e): a. FERC Settlement Update. The Authority's General Counsel stated that the matters to be discussed in Executive Session would include FERC Settlement Update. The specific subsections of CRS § 24-6-402(4) authorizing this matter to be conducted in Executive Session are as follows:

- subsection (b), conferences with the General Counsel of the Authority for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions; and
- subsection (e), determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.

At 10:31 AM Board Member Lopez moved, seconded by Board Member Clodfelter, and approved unanimously by roll call vote to go into Executive Session to discuss the topic as stated. The General Counsel of the Authority stated that the discussion in Executive Session would include privileged attorney-client communications and should not be recorded. He recommended that no record be kept of the discussion constituting privileged attorney-client communications. Accordingly, based on the foregoing advice of counsel, the electronic recording device was turned off at 10:33 AM. The Executive Session was concluded at 10:44 AM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 25, 2021: The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 25, 2021 in Lamar at the Cultural Events Center with provisions for optional virtual attendance.

ADJOURN: The February 25, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Arvenia L. Morris
Secretary