

**ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
June 20, 2023

**Notice of Special Meeting:** Pursuant to Section 2.5.9 of the ARPA Organic Contract, ARPA Board of Directors President Lorenz Sutherland called a special meeting of the Board by ZOOM call commencing at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Following appropriate notice, President Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ARPA Board Members present:

HOLLY: Randy Holland  
Blaine Ice

LA JUNTA: Gary Cranson  
P. Lorenz Sutherland

LAMAR: None

LAS ANIMAS: Ron Clodfelter  
Rick Stwalley

SPRINGFIELD: Heath Piper  
Jay Suhler

TRINIDAD: Carlos Lopez  
Frank Shew

ARPA Staff present:

Rick Rigel, General Manager  
Aarin Ritter, Finance/Accounting Manager

ARPA Legal Counsel present:

Ryan Tharp, Fairfield and Woods, PC

Others (guests) present:

Lynn Wright, Electric Superintendent, Las Animas Municipal Light and Power  
Linda Vigil, Utilities Administrator, Trinidad Municipal Power and Light  
Dave Bachicha, Electric Superintendent, Trinidad Municipal Power and Light

Pursuant to Section 2.5.9 of the ARPA Organic Contract, the President of the Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) called a special meeting of the Board of Directors by ZOOM commencing at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, originating from its offices at 3409 South Main Street, Lamar, CO., 81052. The principal purpose was to receive information on and consider approval of an agreement for technical assistance for distribution planning services.

**ROLL CALL:** President Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Roll call was taken. Board Members Hourieh and Stagner were absent. Guests were listed on page 1.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The President announced an addition to the agenda. Power Supply Options was added under the General Manager report. The agenda was approved as amended.

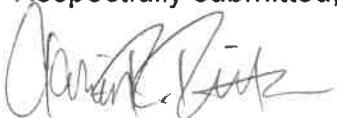
**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLPE CONTRACT FOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANNING SERVICES:** The General Manager presented the basic aspects of the distribution services agreement with City Light and Power Engineering (CLPE). The project is to develop short-term and long-term plans for infrastructure upgrades in each of the member municipalities. Board Member Lopez moved to approve the CLPE contract for distribution planning services, seconded by Board Member Cranson. The motion was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:** a. **Update on T4 WTG Repair.** The General Manager provided an update on the mechanical issues related to ARPA's Prowers County turbine (T4). He reported one quote for a gearbox replacement has been received. A detailed summary of the cost of replacement will be provided at the August 31 meeting. b. **Update on Power Supply Options.** ARPA staff recently met with a solar developer that is proposing to install one 5-MW solar development in each of the cities of Trinidad, Lamar and La Junta. The solar developer will be applying for grant funding through the USDA Powering Affordable Clean Energy program. ARPA, and its members, will work to identify a location for the solar installations and will conduct a load flow analysis.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is August 31, 2023, in La Junta at the Otero College Student Center.

**ADJOURN:** The June 20, 2023 special meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:54 AM.

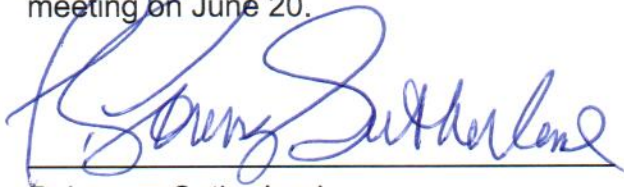
Respectfully submitted,



Aarin Ritter  
Finance Manager

Pursuant to Section 2.5.9 of the ARPA Organic Contract, I am exercising the discretion granted to the President of the Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) by calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors by ZOOM commencing at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, originating from its offices at 3409 South Main Street, Lamar, CO., 81052. The principal purpose will be to receive information on and consider approval of an agreement for technical assistance for distribution planning services.

A copy of the agenda will be distributed to the Board in advance of the special meeting on June 20.



P. Lorenz Sutherland

President, Board of Directors Arkansas River Power Authority