

**ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Special Meeting March 30, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) met by Zoom from the office of the Arkansas River Power Authority on Monday, March 30, 2026. Following appropriate notice, President Sutherland called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

ARPA Board Members present:

HOLLY:	Randy Holland Blaine Ice
LA JUNTA:	Gary Cranson P. Lorenz Sutherland
LAMAR:	Jay Brooke Houssin Hourieh
LAS ANIMAS:	None
SPRINGFIELD:	Aaron Close
TRINIDAD:	Linda Vigil

ARPA Staff present:

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

ARPA Legal Counsel present:

Brandon Dittman, Wilson Williams Fellman and Dittman

Others (guests) present:

Chris Arguello, Electric Director, La Junta Municipal Utilities  
Lynn Wright, Electric Superintendent, Las Animas Municipal Light and Power  
John Krajewski, JK Energy Consulting, Lexington, NE

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 11:00 AM on Monday, March 30, 2026, originating from its offices at 3409 South Main Street, Lamar, CO., 81052. The principal purpose will be to consider (1) approval of a Replacement Power Agreement with Guzman Energy, and (2) consider approval of a Reimbursement of ARPA's WAPA-LAP Allocation with United Power, Inc.

**ROLL CALL:** President Sutherland called the special meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**QUORUM:** A quorum of the Board was present and voting at the meeting. Board Members Piper, Shew and Stwalley were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as published.

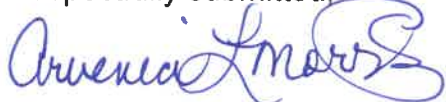
**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REPLACEMENT POWER AGREEMENT WITH GUZMAN ENERGY:** The ARPA Board of Directors, at its February 26 meeting, authorized Resolution No. 02-26 to execute the Firm Electric Service Assignment Agreement among the Western Area Power Administration, United Power, Inc., and the Arkansas River Power Authority. The Agreement assigns ARPA's WAPA-LAP allocation to United Power. The General Manager reviewed the details of two agreements with Guzman Energy related to the WAPA-LAP replacement power. The General Manager requested that the Agreements be considered for approval based on final legal and technical review. The first, the *Master Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Power* which outlines terms and conditions for the sale and purchase of products, and two, the *Transaction Confirmation* which outlines the terms for sale of firm energy and capacity. Board Member Brooke made a motion to approve both agreements, seconded by Board Member Cranson, passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REIMBURSEMENT OF ARPA'S WAPA-LAP ALLOCATION WITH UNITED POWER, INC:** The General Manager requested that the Agreement be considered for approval based on final legal and technical review. The General Manager reviewed the current invoicing procedure for ARPA's WAPA-LAP allocation and upcoming changes to this process following the assignment of ARPA's LAP allocation to United Power, Inc. Board Member Hourieh moved to approve a reimbursement of ARPA's WAPA-LAP allocation with United Power as presented, seconded by Board Member Close, passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is May 28, 2026, in La Junta.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Arvenia L. Morris  
Secretary