

HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 15, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Highline Electric Association was held at the office of the Association in Holyoke, Colorado at 9:00 A.M. on March 15, 2018.

ROLL CALL

President Mike Bennett presided at the meeting. Directors present were:

Mike Bennett	Ted Carter
David Kinnison	Jim Lueck
Merl Miller	Steve Oestman
Merlin Prior	Aaron Sprague
Pam Stieb	Brad Stromberger
Leo Brekel	

Manager Farnsworth and Attorney Williamson were also present. Attorney Williamson recorded the minutes of the meeting. Leo Brekel entered the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Farnsworth presented graphs of the kWh Purchased and kWh Sold for February 2018. Farnsworth presented the January CAMU survey. He reported on preparations for the annual meeting. There is an effort to install electric vehicle charging stations along the I-76 corridor in Highline's territory. Farnsworth reported that he and staff are looking at the irrigation demand charge considering the new AMI system allows Highline to know whether an account used any electricity in any given period.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Trent Loutensock presented the March Engineering Report. He reported on the status of construction projects, the status of the Sterling Substation overcurrent sectionalizing project, the SWPPD account transfer, and the status of the AMI project.

Director Leo Brekel entered the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rance Ferguson presented the March Operations Report. He reported that the Colorado Director of the Office of Apprenticeship visited Highline. Highline will switch out five substations in April for WAPA testing and in connection with the Tri-State asset transfer.

Ferguson reported on the status of pole testing, the SWPPD account transfer, and construction projects.

Ferguson presented the safety committee report. There were no lost time accidents. He presented the outage report.

MEMBER AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Dennis Herman presented the March Member and Corporate Services Report. The Cushion of Credit balance was \$3,033,782.99 as of 2/28/18. HEA had \$11.5 million in CFC Select Notes as of 3/8/18. HEA paid \$1,562.70 in fees on \$143,283.21 worth of credit card payments in February.

Herman presented the Form 7, cash flow, and check register.

POLICY 1-8

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 1-8. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that Policy 1-8 be approved as presented.

POLICY 5-1

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 5-1. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that Policy 5-1 be approved as presented.

POLICY 6-5

Manager Farnsworth presented revised Policy 6-5. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that Policy 6-5 be removed from the consent agenda for discussion by the Board.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that the Safety Committee Report be approved as presented.

APPROVE NEW MEMBERS

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that the list of new members listed below be accepted as members of Highline.

Cone, Jeremiah	Crawford, John
Flores, Victor	Hill, Jason L.
Jubenville, Janet	Kimberly, Kay
Knudson, Sharon	Kramer, Cavin
Main, Jackie	Meyers, Eric
Monheiser, Alex	Putney, Lauren
Schilke, Andrew	Schroeder, Paul
Smutz, Patricia G.	Taylor, Cheryl
Van Wyk, Eric	Willis, Kristy

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENTS CONTRACTS AND RELEASE OF LIENS

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that the following Subordination Agreements, Contracts, and Releases be approved:

Contract & Lien Releases

Douglas A. Denney
Timothy E. & Mariane Ortner
Cactus hill, LLC-2

Subordination Agreements

David L. Dirks & Julie L. Dirks

ESTATE CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that the following capital credit refunds be approved:

James Beam Jr.	\$ 872.17
Jerry Bubak	\$ 20,000.00
Stanley Ham	\$ 2,100.09
Vivian Spanjer	\$ 85.44

POLICY 4-1

Manager Farnsworth and Herman presented revised Policy 4-1. The Board discussed the revisions and directed staff to make additional revisions for review and approval. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to table consideration of Policy 4-1.

SOLAR PROJECT

Manager Farnsworth reported on the status of the Microgrid solar project. He is waiting to receive updated pricing from Microgrid.

TRI-STATE

Director Leo Brekel reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the Tri-State Board of Directors. Brekel reviewed Tri-State's financials through January. Tri-State attorney Ken Reif presented information to the Tri-State Board regarding obligations under the wholesale power contract. The SPP approved the Mountain West Transmission Group's application.

CREA

Director Lueck reported on the regular meeting of the CREA Board of Directors. He reported on the PUC docket regarding electric resource planning and renewable energy planning. He reported on proposed legislation that CREA is tracking. SB 18-002 would transfer money from the High Cost Fund to the Broadband Fund.

Western United

Director Ted Carter reported that there was no regular meeting of the Western United Electric Board of Directors. Carter presented the Western United Financial Report. Sales are 24% higher compared to the previous year.

President Bennett recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

NREA

Director Merlin Prior reported that NPPD lost its lawsuit at the Nebraska Supreme Court. In response to the decision, the Nebraska legislature changed the statute that was at the center of the lawsuit.

NRECA ANNUAL MEETING

Directors Lueck and Brekel reported on their attendance at the NRECA Annual Meeting.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The directors discussed attendance at upcoming meetings. Merlin Prior will be the delegate and Pam Stieb the alternate for the Tri-State Annual Meeting.

It was properly moved, seconded and carried to appoint Leo Brekel as Highline's representative to the Tri-State Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was properly moved, seconded and carried to go into executive session to discuss confidential business information, with the following in attendance: Manager Farnsworth, Dennis Herman, Attorney Williamson, and all Directors present at the meeting. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to come out of executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT