

HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 21, 2019

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 February 21, 2019.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Manager Farnsworth and attorney Williamson were also present. Attorney Williamson recorded the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA

The Agenda was revised and approved as revised.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 28, 2019 special meeting were approved as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Farnsworth presented graphs of the kWh Purchased and kWh sold for January 2019. Farnsworth presented and reviewed the Ormat summary for January 2019. Highline recognized \$2,012.65 in savings in January.

Farnsworth and staff will work with Prime Group to develop an EV charging station rate. Farnsworth reported on his discussions with the URNRD GM regarding URNRD's use of Highline's AMI system to read URNRD's meters.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Trent Loutensock presented the February Engineering Report. Loutensock reported on the status of the AMI project, cyber security measures, outage management, system sectionalizing and construction projects.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rance Ferguson presented the February Operations Report. He reported on contractor projects and Highline crew projects. The new bucket truck was delivered. Ferguson executed fuel contracts for 2019.

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

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Tadius Huser presented the February Member Services Report. Huser reported on his attendance at the CREA annual meeting. He reported on rebates, the status of member solar net-metering projects, the RESP program, activity with the Revolving Loan Fund, and his preparations for the Highline Annual Meeting. He reported on his attendance at the Tri-State member resource planning meeting.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Dennis Herman presented the January Corporate Services Report. The Cushion of Credit balance was \$5,901,691.04 as of 1-31-19. HEA paid \$1,759.95 in fees on \$149,057.79 worth of credit card payments in January. Highline auditors will be at Highline the week after the Board meeting. Herman presented the Form 7, cash flow, and check register.

POLICY 4-2

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 4-2. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 4-2 as presented.

POLICY 6-6

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 6-6. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 6-6 as presented.

POLICY 8-1

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 8-1. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 8-1 as presented.

POLICY 8-2

Manager Farnsworth presented revised Policy 8-2. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 8-2 as presented.

POLICY 8-3

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 8-3. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 8-3 as presented.

POLICY 8-4

Manager Farnsworth presented Policy 8-4. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 8-4 as presented.

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.

Abeyta, Herman
 Andersen, Clara
 Atkinson, Scottie
 Bergner, Landon
 Brown, Rusty
 Clayton, Mark and Patricia
 Colorado Hemp District, LLC
 Elliott, Aaron
 Etl, Traelen
 Fleck, Jacob
 Flores, Buck
 Gillham, Byra Fern
 Jobman Revoc Trus, G & S
 Korf, Jon
 Kuhlman, Allison
 Kunnemann, Mary Ann
 Munoz, Luisa
 Muths, Frances L.
 Silvester, Charles
 Smith, Richard L.
 Star Unlimited
 Welch, Brandy

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 and Lien Releases

Kim Silvester
 David A. Hernandez
 Cindy Rust-2
 Roland Rust-3

ESTATE CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS

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

Greg Chandler	\$ 1,018.48
Todd S. Fabian	792.44
Vincent Folladori	87.34
Mitch Hensley	2,344.56
Joanne Lambrecht	904.13
Melvin Simms	222.19
Wallin Hyway Farms	790.00

POLICY 2-13

Manager Farnsworth presented revised Policy 2-13. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy 2-13 as presented.

VEHICLE BIDS

Rance Ferguson presented bids for a one-man bucket truck. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to accept the bid from ETI with the Ford chassis.

Rance Ferguson presented bids for a staking pickup. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to accept the Transwest Ford bid.

Rance Ferguson presented bids for a SCADA pickup. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to accept the Transwest RAM bid.

Rance Ferguson presented bids for a service pickup. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to accept the Transwest Ford bid.

WEED SPRAYING

Rance Ferguson presented bids for weed spraying. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to accept the Renkoski Property Dev. bid for a one-year contract.

TERRY HALL RESOLUTION

Manager Farnsworth presented a resolution extending Highline's gratitude and appreciation for Terry Hall's cooperation and leadership while General Manager for Y-W Electric Association, Inc. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve the resolution as presented.

TRI-STATE

Leo Brekel reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the Tri-State Board of Directors. Brekel presented Tri-State's 2018 financials. Tri-State's new CEO will start in April. The Colorado PUC will hear DMEA's complaint regarding its buy-out of Tri-State.

Manager Farnsworth presented a resolution from the San Isabel Electric Association asking Tri-State to establish a financial forecast showing declining power costs. San Isabel asked Highline to consider joining in the resolution. After discussion, the Board decided to not join in the resolution.

General Manager Farnsworth presented Moody's press release regarding Tri-State's dispute with DMEA.

The Board discussed the proposed amendment to the Tri-State bylaws regarding partial requirements membership. Tri-State will hold a special meeting of its members on March 6, 2019 to discuss the amendment.

CREA

Director Lueck reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the CREA Board of Directors and the CREA annual meeting. He reported on legislation that CREA is monitoring.

WESTERN UNITED

Ted Carter reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the Western United Electric Board of Directors and the Western United annual meeting. The new CEO will start in March.

NREA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Merlin Prior and Manager Farnsworth reported on their attendance at the NREA legislative session. They reported on legislation that NREA is monitoring.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The directors discussed attendance at upcoming meetings.

It was properly moved, seconded and carried to appoint Merlin Prior as Highline's delegate to the Tri-State annual meeting and Pam Stieb as the alternate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was properly moved, seconded and carried to go into executive session for discussion regarding confidential business negotiations, with the following in attendance: all directors present at the meeting, manager Farnsworth and attorney Williamson. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to come out of execution session.

PUBLIC COMMENT


There was no Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT