

**YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of Yampa Valley Electric Association, Inc. convened at 32 Tenth Street, Steamboat Springs, Colorado at 1:02 p.m. on August 16, 2013 for a regular board meeting.

Chairman Dean Brosious reconvened the meeting of July 19, 2013. Chairman Brosious declared all business was concluded and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the July 19th meeting was adjourned. The Chairman then called the August 16, 2013 meeting to order.

Upon calling the roll, it was reported the following directors were present: Dean Brosious, Mike Brinks, Larry Ellgen, Tom Fox, Russ Garrity, Pat McClelland, Scott McGill, Glynda Sheehan and Frank Roitsch.

General Manager Diane Johnson, Interim General Manager Dan Brewer, Attorney Tom Sharp, Bob Hood, Robert Miller, Lisa Myers, Melissa Watson, and Marty Hinson were in attendance. RUS Representative, John Rabaglia, was in attendance. Community members in attendance included Jeff Troeger, Susan Holland, and Paul Potyen. Dave Srite, lineman for YVEA, was also in attendance.

The Board considered approval of the minutes for the previous meeting. Amendments to the minutes were recommended by the board. Upon stated amendments being completed and upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment.

Paul Potyen, Board Member of the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council, asked the YVEA board how YVEA plans to incorporate Senate Bill 252. Mr. Potyen requested to be included in future meetings on Senate Bill 252.

Jeff Troeger commented he had an Icast energy audit on 8/15. Mr. Troeger mentioned his home energy audit was informational.

Susan Holland, owner, Emerald Mountain Energy, asked the YVEA board how YVEA will be complying with Senate Bill 252. Ms. Holland requested to be involved in discussions on renewable projects. Ms. Holland informed the board of her involvement with the Catamount Dam construction for hydropower and the USDA Grant which Emerald Mountain Energy has received.

The board members thanked Melissa Watson for her efforts in demonstrating to the community how YVEA supports the Routt County Fair.

John Rabaglia, RUS Colorado, gave a report to the board. Mr. Rabaglia reported there is a new administrator of RUS as well as other staff changes. He reported that the internal restructuring of RUS has improved the loan funding approval time to between 4-6 months for RUS loans. Mr. Rabaglia commented on proposed renewable energy loans.

Chairman Brosious asked Mr. Robert Miller to give the Financial Report.

Mr. Robert Miller reviewed the Financial & Statistical reports. Overall board comments reflected July as being a good month. Mr. Russ Garrity commented on how much he likes the Executive Summary. Upon a motion being duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the financial and statistical reports be hereby accepted as presented.

Chairman Brosious proposed a resolution to update authorized signatures for Yampa Valley Electric's banking and investment accounts. Upon a motion being made, seconded and passed unanimously:

RESOLVED, Diane Johnson will replace Dan Brewer as General Manager as an authorized signor. Melissa Watson will replace Todd Chapman as Manager Consumer Accounts as an authorized co-signor. Bob Hood will replace Bill Caynor as Interim Operations Manager as an authorized co-signor.

Chairman Brosious called on any reports from Staff.

Mr. Bob Hood, Interim Operations Manager, discussed operations and safety. Mr. Hood reported underground cable faults will need replacing next year as outages are occurring. The operations department is looking at outages over the last 2 years and their locations. The underground cable faults had a 25 year warranty but are now 40 years old.

Mr. Hood reported July as a good safety month. He reported July as having the most hours worked with no accidents. YVEA's safety statistics are getting better and trending closer to OSHA's standards for coops. Dave Srite, lineman, spoke about how the linemen are doing their best to stay safe.

Next, Mr. Hood gave an update on Benjamin Vannoy, injured lineman. Mr. Vannoy has been released by his doctor to return to full duty. He will be transitioning back to full duty over the next 6 months by working as an apprentice. Mr. Vannoy is committed to being a role model for the new apprentice linemen.

Mr. Hood concluded by reporting the new apprentice hired last month is working as a ground man this month.

Mr. Marty Hinson presented the Engineering report. Mr. Hinson noted he is expecting an email concerning another potential site for the new solar garden. Mr. Hinson also reported Richard Miller from Clean Energy Collective is scheduled to do a site survey next week for the new solar garden.

Ms. Lisa Myers gave the Human Resources report. Ms. Myers noted 8/17 is Employee Appreciation day. Employees signed up for golf, clay shooting, or a dinner ride with Saddleback Ranch.

Ms. Melissa Watson gave the Member Services report. Ms. Watson reported the website is now maintained in-house by Shawn Stoehr. She reported the home energy calculator is now available on the website and noted some of the children's interactive games will not work on the ipad since they use flash player.

Ms. Watson stated the Touchstone Energy Training went well. The training presented the 7 cooperative principles and introduced the idea of branding. Ms. Watson spoke about the local branding effort of setting up the Touchstone balloon at the Routt County Fair, YVEA's sponsorship of free ride day at the fair, and her representation of YVEA at the Moffat County Fair livestock auction. She mentioned September is National Cooperative month and she will be incorporating Touchstone's plan to recognize National Cooperative month.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to accept all staff reports as presented.

Mr. Scott McGill reported there was no a CREA board meeting during the month of July.

Mr. Scott McGill also reported there was no Western United meeting in July.

Mr. Dan Brewer informed the board the dates for the upcoming Strategic Planning Session have changed to October 9th & 10th, 2013. The session will be held from 9am-5pm both days at the Sheraton Resort in Steamboat Springs.

Chairman Brosious asked for any unfinished business. Chairman Brosious opened discussion of committee assignments for 2013-2014. He commented on how well run the committees were in 2013. The committee assignments for 2013-2014 were accepted as follows:

2013-2014 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brosious, Chairman
McClelland
Ellgen
McGill
Brinks

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ellgen, Chairman
Brosious
Fox
Sheehan

POLICY COMMITTEE

McGill, Chairman
Brosious
Fox
Roitsch

FINANCE COMMITTEE

McClelland, Chairman
Brosious
Roitsch
Garrity

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Brinks, Chairman
Brosious
Sheehan
Garrity

Chairman Brosious proposed Tom Fox as alternate YVEA representative for CREA meetings and Western United meetings and Diane Johnson to be added to BTA and Paradigm. Upon a motion being duly made and carried, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that Tom Fox shall be the alternate YVEA representative for CREA meetings and Western United meetings and Diane Johnson will be added to BTA and Paradigm.

Mr. Dan Brewer reminded the board of the upcoming Region 7 meeting September 15-17th. Mr. Pat McClelland reported he is registered. The Board of Directors was told to contact Kristy Ragan with travel requests.

Chairman Brosious asked for new business. Mr. Scott McGill thanked Mr. Dan Brewer for his work with YVEA.

Mr. Dan Brewer reported he will begin a SWAT report for the Board of Directors before he leaves.

Chairman Brosious asked for any further discussions. There was no further comment. A motion was made and carried to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yampa Valley Electric Cooperative at 2:20pm until such time as may be necessary to reconvene.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman of the Board