

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 23, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Directors of White River Electric Association, Inc was held at the Headquarters of White River Electric Association, Inc. on October 23, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. with the following Directors present:

Jordan, Parr, Hilkey, Welle, Rogers, Pearce and Wyatt.

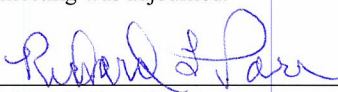
Directors Absent: None

President Welle called the meeting to order and presided throughout.

Dale Dunbar was appointed as recording secretary.

Agenda	It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda.
Public Comment	There was no public comment for the directors to review.
Guests	Visitors present included Manager Michalewicz, and Staff Members Dunbar, Sampson, Matrisciano, and Zagar-Brown.
Minutes	The minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2019 had been deposited in Boardpaq. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed, to approve the minutes.
Bills and Checks	The bills and checks for the month of September 2019 were reviewed by the Directors. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed, to approve the checks.
Safety	The board reviewed the safety committee minute from October 2019. Operations Manager Sampson reviewed the safety minutes with the board of directors. Topics included a fire drill, helicopter training, flu shots, pole top & bucket rescue, grounds and stick checks, & CBD awareness. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed, by all Directors present, to approve the safety report.
Donations	<p>The board listed to a recap of the Fall Festival and the Community Grant Awards. The following donations were given consideration by the board</p> <p>Little Point of Light - \$1,000 donation Meeker Lions Club Playground Equipment - \$1,000 and Basin matching request Care/Acre donation \$10,000.</p> <p>It was regularly moved, seconded and approved to donate the above to the listed organizations.</p> <p>There were no other community requests for consideration.</p>
Conflicts	The board of directors reviewed the completed Conflicts of Interest Statements for employees and determined there were no conflicts reported.
Youth Tour	It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed, to approve sponsorship of 2 students to the Washington D.C. youth tour.
Youth Camp	It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed, to approve sponsorship of 2 students to the CEEI Youth Leadership Camp.
Estate Retire.	A request was made for early retirement of a deceased estate. Upon motion by Director Pearce, seconded by Director Parr, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to retire \$3,502.79 early in Pat. Cap.
<b>Manager's</b>	
Renewables	Manager Michalewicz gave the board an update on the Renewables.
Fiber	The board was updated on the County Road 8 fiber projects, the Highway 13 projects, and other WREA fiber projects.
Break	<p>The board took recess for lunch at 12:05.</p> <p>The board reconvened the regular meeting at 12:45 p.m.</p>
Power Bill	Manager Michalewicz reported on the operations of the Association for the month of September 2019. The power bill for the month of September was \$3,945,172.61 there was 62,388,736 worth of kWh purchased, the demand was 98,049 the cost per kilowatt-hour was 63.2353 and the member system billing load factor was 85.4423. The Directors reviewed the statistical information for the month of August.

Rates	<p>Upon motion by Director Pearce, seconded by Director Parr, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing rates.</p> <p>Upon motion by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Pearce, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to reconvene the regular meeting.</p>
Other Items	<p>The board reviewed several other items of interest including;</p> <p>Cyber update  Rec Center Solar Project  69kV from Rifle to Meeker  Basin Annual Meeting – no interest in going  NRECA Statewide at CREA Meeting – Bill Jordan will represent  Touchstone Energy Meeting/Election – Attorney Zagar-Brown will attend remotely.</p> <p>No other action was taken on these.</p>
COLA	<p>The board reviewed data provided by staff for a COLA consideration. Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Mountain State Employers Council were reviewed. The directors looked at historical payroll data from WREA. Upon motion by Director Pearce, seconded by Director Jordan, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to grant all employees a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment beginning December 30, 2019. The board also reviewed a listing of wages and salaries.</p>
OMS	<p>Manager Michalewicz presented a request to purchase a Outage Management System from NISC. This will integrate with the WREA NISC system presently being used. Upon motion by Director Hilkey, seconded by Director Rogers, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to purchase the system for \$11,500 and a monthly maintenance fee of \$446.</p>
Thank You's	<p>Several thank you notes were passed around for the Directors to review.</p>
Travel	<p>Upon motion by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Hilkey, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved for Manager Michalewicz to attend the CEO Close-up conference in CA in January.</p>
Jan. Meeting	<p>With regards to the CEO meeting in January, the Board meeting for Jan was discussed. Upon motion by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Wyatt, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to move the January board meeting to January 23, 2020. <span style="float: right;">RA</span></p>
Power Meter	<p>A request was made to the Board to purchase/replace present Power Quality Meter. Cost to be \$7,800. Upon motion by Director Parr, seconded by Director Pearce, and passed by all directors' present, it was approved to purchase the meter.</p>
Attorney Report	<p>Attorney Zagar-Brown announced there would be a workplace law meeting scheduled for November 18, 2019 for a board work session.</p> <p>Attorney Zagar-Brown reported on the recent attorney's meeting.</p>
Related Organizations	<p>Director Jordan reported that there was no CREA meeting, but the budget committee met to discuss the budget.</p> <p>President Welle reported on Western United.</p> <p>Director Hilkey reported on Tri-State.</p> <p>President Welle and Manager Michalewicz reported on Tri-State contract committee.</p> <p>Director Pearce had no report on the water committee.</p> <p>Director Wyatt reported on the Advisory Committee</p> <p>Director Rogers reported on Region VII.</p>
Accreditation	<p>The directors reviewed their accreditation status with NRECA with regards to certifications.</p> <p>No further business appearing before the board, the meeting was adjourned.</p>

  
Richard L. Parr, Secretary