

HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 20, 2024

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 June 20, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Merlin Prior presided at the meeting until President Mike Bennett entered the meeting. Directors present in person were:

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| Mike Bennett | Leo Brekel |
| Ted Carter | David Carlson |
| Steve Oestman | Brad Stromberger |
| Pam Stieb | Merlin Prior |
| Lisa Schilke | Aaron Sprague |

Director Jim Lueck attended via telephone conference. Director Mike Bennett entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m., and Ted Carter entered at 9:38 a.m. Manager Dennis Herman and Attorney Levi Williamson were present in person. Staff members Alex Astley, Jim Jackson, Tadius Huser, and Rance Ferguson were present in person or via video conference. Attorney Williamson recorded the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the May 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the minutes as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herman presented the Manager's Report. He reported on kWh Purchased, kWh Sold, Operating Revenue, Billing Summary, Expenses, Operating Margins, and Cash & Investments through May 2024. The CREA Board is discussing the requirements to become an associate member. Basin Electric, CoBank, Wheatland Electric and Moon Lake Electric are currently associate members and there are CREA members that would like to allow Guzman Energy to become an associate member. CREA is also considering creating a broadband membership. The Town of Fleming requested assistance with downed poles after a recent storm. Herman will be discussing the possibility of an O&M agreement with the Town of Fleming. Herman reported on the status of the ongoing discussions regarding net-metering in Colorado. Herman reported that seven Tri-State member coops have joined Highline to participate in Tri-State's latest rate filing at the FERC.

Herman reported that he has a conflict on the date of Highline's August Board of Directors meeting. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to hold the August board meeting on August 22, 2024.

Herman reported on the ALJ's decision in the Basin/Tri-State FERC docket. Herman reported that the manufacturer of Highline's DC fast EV charger filed for bankruptcy. The warranty and service plans were terminated.

President Bennett entered the meeting.

Herman presented a letter from Highline's insurer, Federated Insurance, to a Highline member.

Ted Carter entered the meeting.

Herman presented a request for funding from the Holyoke Community Childcare Initiative. The consensus of the Board was to not donate.

Herman reported that the Cooperative Family Fund is requesting \$1,000 donations from electric cooperatives. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to donate \$1,000 to the Cooperative Family Fund from Highline's unclaimed capital credits.

OPERATIONS AND SAFETY REPORT

Operations Manager Rance Ferguson presented the Operations and Safety Report. He reported on personnel matters, results of the Federated site audit, and the Platte solar project inspection.

Ferguson presented the Safety Report. There were no accidents. He also presented the outage report.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Member Services Manager Tadius Huser presented the Member Services Report. He reported on new services, rebates, RLF loan activity, renewable systems, and EV charging station activity. The Sterling Community Fund asked if Highline would donate to the Sterling walking path project. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Huser should discuss the project with Tri-State.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Alex Astley presented the Engineering Report. He reported on project work in engineering, information technology, metering, staking, and communications. He provided a status update on the Trailblazer substation. He reported on load control in May.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Corporate Services Manager Jim Jackson presented the Corporate Services Report. Jackson presented CFC Commercial Paper Investments as of May 31, 2024. Highline paid \$3,352.25 in fees on \$250,071.77 worth of credit card payments in May.

Jackson presented the balance sheet, Form 7, cash flow report, and check register.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- a. Policy 1-12 Insurance & Bonds (recommended changes)
- b. Policy 1-14 Financial Instruments (no recommended changes)

- c. New Members and Membership Refunds
- d. Subordination Agreements or Release of Liens

The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATIONS

Herman reported on the status of Highline's grant applications.

TRI-STATE

Leo Brekel reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the Tri-State G&T Board of Directors. Tri-State filed its new formulary rate at the FERC. Tri-State also filed its Bring Your Own Resource Policy at the FERC. Brekel reported on the status of Tri-State's solar projects and the SPP filing to expand RTO's. Brekel reported on Tri-State's April financials. He reported on the ALJ ruling in the Tri-State/Basin FERC docket. The ruling requires Basin to pay Tri-State back for charges related to Tri-State's decision not to extend its contract with Basin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to enter executive session for confidential discussion regarding Tri-State, with all Directors, Manager Herman, department managers, and Attorney Williamson present. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to exit executive session.

CREA

Jim Lueck reported that he was not able to attend the regular meeting of the CREA Board of Directors.

NREA

Merlin Prior reported that there was no regular meeting of the NREA Board of Directors. He reported that the NREA JT&S instructor received an award. He reported on Nebraska legislation that impacts what utilities can do within 10 miles of military facilities.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The directors discussed attendance at upcoming meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.


EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Manager Herman reported that Mountain View Electric Association offered to sell used transformers to Highline, potentially at little to no cost to Highline. Herman recommends acquiring one of the transformers.

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to acquire the transformer as recommended by General Manager Herman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT