

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

June 17, 2023

The meeting of the Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, North Fremont High School in Ashton, Idaho. Having determined a quorum was present, President Behrens called the meeting to order at 7:43 a.m. Angie Haws recorded the minutes. The invocation was given by Brent Robson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDING OFFICERS

President Georg Behrens, Vice President Brent "Husk" Crowther, Secretary/Treasurer Jodi Stiehl

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Past President Dede Draper, Jeff Keay, Anna Lindstedt, Brent Robson, and Doug Schmier, Jay Hansen

DIRECTORS ABSENT

NONE

OTHERS

CEO/General Manager Bryan Case, Attorney Jerry Rigby, Board Candidate Travis Markegard, Marketing Manager Ted Austin, and Executive Assistant Angie Haws.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Director Robson seconded. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Keay made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2023, Board Meeting as presented. Director Schmier seconded. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board and CEO expense reports, New Memberships, Purchase of Power Agreements, Check Report, Safety Report, Early Retirement of Patronage of Patronage Capital was reviewed by all Board Members in Board Package prior to meeting.

Director Hanson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Robson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ENERGY EXPO INFORMATION & ANNUAL MEETING

CEO Case reviewed the logistics and events for the Expo and Business meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:00 –10:00 a.m.

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Breakfast for Members, Energy Expo & Vendor Booths
Meeting Registration & Voting
Energy Expo Booths: Member Services, Engineering Green Power &
Conservation, Operations, EV, Propane
Vendor Booths
Children/Youth & Adult Activities (Bouncy Houses, STEM Activities, Bucket
Truck Rides)
Electric Safety Demonstrations 8:30/ 9:00/ 9:30
EV Test Drive Event

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

FINAL REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Included in the board packet.

DOOR PRIZE AWARDS

Included in the board packet.

PLAQUE FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE & COMMITMET TO FALL RIVER – JAY HANSON

President Behrens highlighted the many different roles Director Hanson has served in over the years and noted several of his accomplishments. The board expressed appreciation for his excellent service to the cooperative and its members. Behrens presented Director Hanson with a token of appreciation recognizing his six terms served as Director on the Fall River Board.

RECESSED FOR ENERGY EXPO

President Behrens recessed the board meeting at 8:08 a.m.

RECONVENE AFTER BUISINESS MEETING

President Behrens reconvened the board meeting at 11:10 a.m.

FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL REPORTS

MAY 31, 2023, FINANCIAL REPORTS

CEO Case reviewed the financial reports for May which were distributed to the board members. Case stated the financials look good and the controllable costs are in line. Last year YTD FR had 40% more new service requests.

MEMBER COMMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU – WARBURTON

Included in the board packet.

COOPERATIVE BUSINESS

FALL RIVER SUMMARY OF AMI METERS USING POWER LINE CARRIER (PLC) NOT RADIO FREQUENCY (RF)

CEO Case reviewed the facts about AMI meters, Cooperative procedure, and member comments.

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FALL RIVER EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & TALKING POINTS
Included in the board packet.

ARTICLE ON POWER LINE CARRIER AND ITS ADVANTAGES

GENERAL POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

GP# 315 EQUITY MANAGEMENT

GP# 319 FRAUD PREVENTION

GP# 202 COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GP# 203 DIRECTOR FEES AND EXPENSES

GP# 204 BOARD OF DIRECTORS – GENERAL MANAGER
RELATIONSHIPS

GP# 205 SERVICES OF CONSULTANTS

GP# 207 MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

GP# 304 RETAIL RATES

Director Schmier made a motion to approve the reviewed General Policies presented in block, GP# 315 EQUITY MANAGEMENT, GP# 319 FRAUD PREVENTION, GP# 202 COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GP# 203 DIRECTOR FEES AND EXPENSES, GP# 204 BOARD OF DIRECTORS – GENERAL MANAGER RELATIONSHIPS, GP# 205 SERVICES OF CONSULTANTS, GP# 207 MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS, GP# 304 RETAIL RATES. Director Keay seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

PPC LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAM BREACHING: UNDERSTANDING RISKS AND FACTS

CEO Case stated there continues to be an intense focus on removing the Lower Snake River Dams and highlighted the facts based on studies performed.

PPC LETTER ON NOAA CENSORSHIP

CEO Case reported that pressure is being put on a NOAA staff member as the staff member shared his opinion based on the study data that did not support breaching the dams stating it may not be the answer. There was a call to remove the individual from their position due to his honest opinion based on the data. This is concerning and shows the importance of communicating with our members to educate and communicating with our representatives to ensure that they understand the cooperative's point of view.

OFFICER ELECTION GUIDELINES – OFFICER ELECTIONS SLATED FOR JULY 24TH.

Included in the board packet.

PAST PRESIDENT TO INQUIRE ABOUT INTEREST IN RUNNING FOR
BOARD OFFICER POSITION

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Included in the board packet.

NERC SUMMARY RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Included in the board packet.

BPA POWER MIX

Included in the board packet.

DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH COMES BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE ENERGY EXPO & MEMBER MEETING

SENATOR RISCH EMAIL

CEO Case stated the letter was in response to the FR Board Resolution and letter that was sent last month regarding the discussion surrounding the removal of the Lower Snake River Dams.

COOPERATIVE REPORTS

Directors reported on upcoming meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Robson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:51 p.m. Director Lindstedt seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Director Robson made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 11:58 p.m. Director Lindstedt seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

EMPLOYEE HOUSING UPDATE CEO Case reported the foundations have been poured for the two homes that will serve as employee housing in the Driggs area. The homes are scheduled to be placed by mid-June.

EV CHARGER INSTALLATION

CEO Case reported on the progress of the EV chargers in their respective locations. The chargers in Driggs were approved to be installed and the lease in place, however the City of Driggs decided the EV charger will need to be moved to a different location which will require updated drawings and specifications. The installation contractor is working with the city to get them what they need to keep the project moving forward.

FALL RIVER INTERNAL AUDIT ON WORK ORDER ESTIMATES & TRUE UP

Included in the board packet.

EASEMENT DOCUMENTS

Included in the board packet.

HYDRO FACILITIES UPDATE

Island Park, Chester, and Buffalo generated a total of 3,7224,145 kWh in May. This amounts to 16.2% of all the kWh billed by PNGC in May and 19.3% of all kWh sold and used by Fall River in May.

Felt Hydro produced 3,460,102 kWh in May. When this is included with Island Park, Chester, and Buffalo it amounts to 31.2% of all the kWh billed by PNGC in May and 37.2% of all kWh sold and used by Fall River in May.

ISLAND PARK

Island Park hydro produced 2,668,553 kWh during the month of May.

BUFFALO

Buffalo hydro produced 162,979 kWh during the month of May.

FELT

Felt hydro produced 3,460,102 kWh during the month of May.

CHESTER

Chester Hydro produced 892,613 kWh in the month of May.

DONATIONS

Included in the board packet.

FALL RIVER'S MANAGEMENT REPORT.

Included in the board packet.

REPORTS BOARD COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND MEMBER COMMENTS

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairman Schmier reported the next meeting is scheduled for September.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CEO Case noted an RFP for auditors will be done in 2023. This is done every three years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

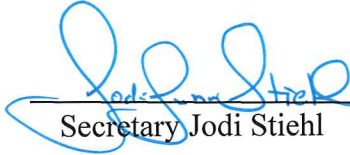
ATTORNEY RIGBY'S REPORT

Attorney Rigby reported on discussions in committees and legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Robson and seconded by Director Schmier. A voice vote was taken; THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: July 24, 2023


Secretary Jodi Stiehl