

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF K.C. ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of K.C. Electric Association was held in Hugo, Colorado on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Penny. The following Members were present and constituted a quorum:

Kevin Penny	Dan Mills	Dave Ritchey
Jerry Allen	Wayne Parrish	Eric Poss
Bob Bledsoe		

Jim Michal arrived at 3:21 p.m., and Terry Tagtmeyer arrived at 3:23 p.m.

Also present were General Manager David Churchwell, Operations Manager Darren Fox, Member Service/IT Specialist George Ehlers, Chief Financial Officer Bo Randolph, and Attorney Jeff Cure.

Approval of Agenda: It was unanimously approved to accept the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: It was unanimously approved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on June 27, 2023.

Next Meeting Date: Without objection, the date for the next regular meeting of the Board was confirmed for August 22, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in Stratton, Colorado.

Public Comments: Tri-State Generation and Transmission CEO Duane Highly gave the board an update on Tri-State including FERC activity, A-41 rate filing, grant opportunities, carbon reduction goals, and renewable generation projects. After discussion, Mr. Penny thanked Mr. Highly for attending our board meeting.

Disbursements Report: The Disbursements Report of the Association for June 2023 was reviewed and, after the Board had an opportunity to review and ask questions, President Penny declared the Disbursements Report as an informational item requiring no Board action.

Emergency Items: None

Operational Policies: Up for review were Policy #507, Interconnection of Distributed Resources; Policy #508, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Programs; and Policy #509, No Smoking or Vaping in K.C. Electric-Owned Buildings/Vehicles. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That Policies #507, #508, and #509 are approved as presented.”

2022 IRS Form 990: Mr. Churchwell reviewed the 2022 IRS form 990 which was completed by Kelso Lynch, P.C., P.A. Staff answered questions relating to the IRS form 990, and after discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the 2022 IRS form 990 is hereby approved as presented.”

December Board Meeting Date: Mr. Churchwell presented proposed dates for the December Board of Directors meeting. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the December K.C. Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>.”

Employee Clothing: Mr. Churchwell gave a presentation on our existing clothing program for K.C. outside employees and discussed contracting with Amaril Uniform Company to supply our

future FR clothing needs via their online process. After questions and further discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That staff is hereby authorized to contract with Amaril Uniform Company to supply our outside employees FR clothing needs.”

Radio Technical Services: Mr. Churchwell discussed the current status of our digital radio system and the need to ensure that it works seamlessly at all times especially in emergency situations. After questions and discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That Staff is hereby authorized to contract with Digitcom Electronics to assess our digital radio system and recommend any changes needed for seamless operation.”

Special Equipment Purchases: After review and discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the Special Equipment Summary is hereby approved in the amount of \$8,275.35.”

Inventory of Work Orders: After review and discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the Inventory of Work Order #484 in the amount of \$261,772.43 is hereby approved.”

General Manager’s Report: Mr. Churchwell reported on the following: the most recent Tri-State Board meeting, Tri-State CEO meeting, FERC activity, net metering activity, employee picnic, WNCC student internship, and Hugo office sidewalk replacement.

Staff Reports: The staff made the following reports and answered Board questions:

- a. Mr. Randolph presented a slideshow of the financial report for June 2023 and discussed IntraFi Cash Service, interest rates, and the current state of the economy.
- b. Mr. Churchwell reported there were no First Report of Injury and no Near Misses in the past month. A recap was given of the safety meetings held in Stratton and Hugo. K.C. employees conducted a high voltage demonstration for the Cheyenne Wells fire department.
- c. Mr. Churchwell discussed maintenance and construction projects completed in June and gave the board an update on construction projects for wind farm laydown yards. Adverse weather conditions have damaged a number of poles in the past month.
- d. Mr. Ehlers referenced his report in the packet which summarized the activities of Member Services and IT for June. Heat pump installations continue to increase in our service territory.

CREA Report: Mr. Parrish referenced his report in the packet. CREA had a virtual board meeting in June and will not have a board meeting in July.

WUE Report: Mr. Parrish reported that sales continue to be strong and WUE finished their fiscal year on June 30 with record numbers.

Tri-State G&T Report: Mr. Bledsoe referenced his report in the packet and discussed the upcoming Tri-State board meeting. WAPA’s process to join the SPP RTO is ongoing but not final yet.

Other Business: Mr. Cure told the board that he has a new business interest but would like to continue being K.C.’s attorney.

Adjournment: Mr. Penny declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

*Kevin Penny*  
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President

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Secretary-Treasurer