

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<https://lpea.coop/broadband-committee>

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held Monday, September 13, 2021, via Zoom Webinar. President Witchel called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. The following people were in attendance:

Ted Compton	John Lee	Holly Metzler
Dan Huntington, Secretary	Joe Lewandowski	Kirsten Skeeahan
Bob Lynch, Treasurer	Kohler McInnis	Tim Wheeler, Vice President
Rachel Landis	Sue McWilliams	John Witchel, President

LPEA STAFF

Dan Harms, VP of Grid Solutions
Hillary Knox, VP of Member Experience
Jessica Matlock, Chief Executive Officer
Karl Ramsey, VP of Finance
Graham Smith, Staff & Board Attorney
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Assistant
Drew Timmerman, VP of Information Technology

EXCUSED ABSENCE

None

COMMITTEE GUESTS

Caitlin Liotiris, Energy Strategies, LLC

GUEST ATTENDEES

None

HOW WE GOT HERE

CEO Matlock gave an overview of LPEA's process on the RFP (Request for Proposals) vendor selection, agreement, and the committee recommendation.

VP Harms presented slides on the partial requirements RFP and analysis. The objective of the meeting is to select a power supplier with whom to negotiate LPEA's MAX Purchased Power Agreement (PPA). This agreement will allow LPEA to continue to negotiate with one provider out of the three selected.

Staff's recommendation is to enter into further negotiations with Supplier 2 on a PPA to secure LPEA's MAX Partial Power Supply. VP Harms, and CEO Matlock fielded questions from LPEA directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Witchel requested a motion to move into executive session to discuss the evaluation of RFP finalists' top proposals and staff recommendation. Director McInnis was excused from the executive session discussion due to being a member of Tri-State's Board of Directors¹.

Motion: Director Wheeler moved to enter executive session. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

The board remained in executive session from 9:01 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2021-16 (CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS)

No actions or resolutions resulted from the executive session.

NEXT STEPS/TIMELINE

President Witchel thanked LPEA staff for all their hard work that was put into this project.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Recorded by J.P Thunstrom, and approved by:



Dan Huntington, Secretary

¹ Director McInnis was provided a redacted version of the executive session materials in a separate session.