

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:00am - 11:00 a.m.
<https://lpea.coop/broadband-committee>

CALL TO ORDER

The Broadband Committee meeting of the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors was held Tuesday, July 15, 2021, in the LPEA Multipurpose Room with guests and one Committee member joining via Zoom webinar.

Committee Chair Skeehan called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director Kirsten Skeehan, Committee Chair
Director Holly Metzler (via Zoom)
Director Tim Wheeler
Jessica Matlock, CEO
Ryne Waggoner, Systems Engineering Manager

SUPPORT STAFF

Dan Harms, VP Grid Solutions
Karl Ramsey, VP Finance
Graham Smith, Board and Staff Attorney
Drew Timmerman, VP Information Technology

EXCUSED ABSENCE

None

COMMITTEE GUESTS

John Honker, CEO -- Magellan Advisors, LLC
Jessica Zufolo, VP, Rural Broadband Strategy -- Magellan Advisors, LLC

GUEST ATTENDEES

Logan Hart, Kelly Hebbard, Eric Hittle, Natambu Obleton, Deborah Shisler, Chris Stebner, Guinn Unger, Nancy Van Dover, and Joe Wheeling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Committee Chair Skeehan addressed the June 3, 2021 Broadband Committee Meeting minutes.

Motion: Committee Member Wheeler moved to approve the June 3, 2021 Broadband Committee minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

UPDATE ON BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY – JOHN HONKER AND JESSICA ZUFOLO – MAGELLAN ADVISORS

Committee guests Honker and Zufolo presented a feasibility study which included the following five options to consider:

1. Existing providers responsible; LPEA has no role beyond what FastTrack is doing today
2. Flexible fiber partnerships with community organizations & ISPs
3. Conexon is the ISP, LPEA owns part of Conexon's fiber subsidiary
4. Conexon is the ISP, LPEA owns the entire fiber deployment
5. LPEA (or affiliate) is the retail ISP

NEXT STEPS, AGENDA ITEMS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Staff will draft resolution and/or strategic goal and send to committee for commentary. Any email commentary will be summarized and read at next the next Broadband committee meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the Broadband Committee Meeting of the La Plata Electric Association, Board of Directors adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Recorded by Drew Timmerman, and approved by:



Kirsten Skeehan, Committee Chair