

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee of the Whole Minutes of Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019
Durango, Colorado

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. was held Monday, March 18, 2019 at the headquarters building in Durango, Colorado. President Lynch called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m., with the following Directors present:

Mike Alley	Bob Lynch, President	Kirsten Skeeahan
Britt Bassett, Vice President	Doug Lyon	Jack Turner
Dan Huntington, Secretary	Kohler McInnis	Guinn Unger
Rachel Landis	Davin Montoya	Tim Wheeler, Treasurer

LPEA STAFF:

Mike Dreyspring, Chief Executive Officer
Rachel Gillman, Controller
Ron Meier, Manager of Engineering and Member Relations
Dan Harms, Manager of Rates, Technology, and Energy Policy
Justin Talbot, Manager of Operations
Jerry Wills, District Manager, Pagosa Springs
Nadine Ontiveros, Manager of HR
C. E. Charistopoulos, Executive Assistant
Shay Denning, LPEA General Counsel

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Dennis Svanes, Chief Financial Officer; Director Lyon left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

GUESTS (from sign in sheet): The following guests were present: Katie Pellicore, Betsy Romere, Cory Kerns

JOINT STRATEGIC WORK SESSION WITH FASTTRACK COMMUNICATIONS –
President Lynch advised that the Joint Strategic Work Session with FastTrack Communications would take place in executive session.

Motion: Director Lyon moved that the Joint Strategic Work Session with FastTrack Communications take place in executive session. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

The Board remained in executive session from 8:04 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. Director Wheeler requested a Joint Work Session with FastTrack Communications as a standing quarterly Board meeting agenda item.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND GOAL: NAME FOR OVERARCHING GOAL – Nadine Ontiveros asked for Board input on naming LPEA’s overarching strategic cooperative goal:

LPEA will strive to reduce its carbon footprint by 50% from 2018 levels by year 2030 while keeping members’ cost of electricity lower than 70% of its Colorado cooperative peers.

Staff was directed to come back with concepts for further discussion at the April 17, 2019 Board meeting.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND GOAL: DISTRIBUTION UTILITY OF THE FUTURE – Justin Talbot discussed the goal within the Distribution Utility of the Future Strategic Initiative and took questions. Discussion ensued on the variables and measurables within the goal; as well as, benchmarks and customer satisfaction. Staff was directed to come back with metrics and standards for further discussion at the April 17, 2019 Board meeting.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND GOAL: MEMBER ENGAGEMENT – Ron Meier discussed the Member Engagement Strategic Initiative. Discussion ensued on public option, marketing strategy, value proposition, member workshops, and focus groups. Staff was directed to come back with metrics and standards for further discussion at the April 17, 2019 Board meeting.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND GOAL: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE – Justin Talbot discussed the Safety goal within the Strategic Initiative of Operational Excellence and took input for revised language; and Rachel Gillman discussed the Financial goal within the Strategic Initiative of Operational Excellence and took input for revised language. Discussion ensued on simplifying language for public consumption. Staff was directed to bring back revised language for further discussion at the April 17, 2019 Board meeting.


STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND GOAL: MEMBER ENGAGEMENT – RATE POLICY
Dan Harms discussed concepts for the Rate Policy goal within the Member Engagement Strategic Initiative, advised that the rate figures presented were for discussion purposes only, and took questions. Harms will present the Rate Policy Goal for further discussion at the April 17, 2019 Board meeting

There being no further business, the LPEA Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Recorded by C.E. Charistopoulos, and approved by:



Bob Lynch, President



Dan Huntington, Secretary