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SOUTH UTAH VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 13, 2020

South Utah Valley Electric Service District (SESD) held a regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was broadcast over the internet via ZOOM meeting.

Trustees Present: Nelson Abbott, Richard Behling, Joel Brown, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Kenny Seng (joined at 11:10 a.m.), and Wendy Pray
Also Present: Ryan Bagley, Brook Christensen, Jennifer Hatcher, and Mark Holdaway – SESD
Jens Nielson, Attorney at Law – Wasatch Land & Title/Law

Ray Loveless welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments.

DISTRICT THREE TRUSTEE – RICHARD BEHLING OATH OF OFFICE

Ray Loveless asked Mark Holdaway to conduct the swearing in of the newly appointed District Three Trustee, Richard Behling.

Mark Holdaway asked Richard Behling to raise his right hand and read the oath of office.

Richard Behling raised his right hand and read the oath of office.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The September 8, 2020 board meeting minutes were reviewed by the trustees.

Wendy Pray requested two changes to the CFPP Discussion on page 3. The requested changes were approved by the board and sent via e-mail to Jennifer Hatcher for inclusion in the minutes.

MOTION to approve the September 8, 2020 board meeting minutes.

Wendy Pray made a motion seconded by Richard Behling to approve the September 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes with the requested corrections. Nelson Abbott, Richard Behling, Joel Brown, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, and Wendy Pray approved the motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brent Gordon stated that the September 2020 Disbursements & Expense reports were previously reviewed by the trustees.

MOTION to approve the September 2020 Disbursements & Expenses.

Brent Gordon made a motion seconded by Kenny Seng to approve the September 2020 Disbursements & Expenses. Nelson Abbott, Richard Behling, Joel Brown, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Wendy Pray, and Kenny Seng approved the motion.

Brent Gordon stated that the September 2020 Financial Reports had been reviewed by the trustees.

MOTION to approve the September 2020 Financial Reports.

Brent Gordon made a motion seconded by Nelson Abbott to approve the September 2020 Financial Reports. Nelson Abbott, Richard Behling, Joel Brown, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Wendy Pray, and Kenny Seng approved the motion.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Joel Brown reported that the Resource Committee met to discuss general business and future resource need, acquisition, and allocation. He stated that the Resource Committee did not have action items for the board at this time.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ray Loveless reported that the Executive Committee met just prior to the board meeting this morning. He stated that with Trustee Paul Meredith's passing, the board needs to appoint another representative to the Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD).

Brent Gordon nominated Nelson Abbott.

Nelson Abbott thanked Brent for his vote of confidence but declined the nomination. He stated that UASD's heavy involvement with the Utah State Legislature would put him in a precarious situation. Nelson offered to serve in other board-appointed capacities.

Ray Loveless stated that the representative could be an SESD employee and suggested that Mark Holdaway be considered for the position, with Richard Behling as the alternate.

Mark Holdaway and Richard Behling accepted the appointment.

MOTION to appoint an SESD representative and alternate for UASD.

Wendy Pray made a motion seconded by Kenny Seng to appoint Mark Holdaway as the SESD UASD representative, with Richard Behling as the alternate. Nelson Abbott, Richard Behling, Joel Brown, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Wendy Pray, and Kenny Seng approved the motion.

Ray Loveless stated that it was also necessary for the board to appoint a representative and alternate to the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA). He noted that the appointment was inadvertently omitted from the agenda; the motion would need to be ratified during the November board meeting. Ray stated that he would like to continue as the SESD representative at CREDA with one contingency; he requested that the board authorize his extended involvement in the organization. Ray stated that to serve effectively on the CREDA board, he would need to know more about CREDA and its initiatives. He suggested that the board authorize his intent to join one of the CREDA committees, stating that serving on the committee would require more of his time and possibly limited travel. Ray recommended that he remain the SESD representative at CREDA and that Dan Ellsworth continue as the alternate.

PRELIMINARY MOTION to appoint an SESD representative and alternate for CREDA.

Kenny Seng made a motion seconded by Joel Brown to appoint Ray Loveless as the SESD CREDA representative, with Dan Ellsworth as the alternate.

The motion will be ratified during the next board meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

UAMPS REPORT

Ray Loveless reported that the Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP) continues to be the primary topic of discussion during the UAMPS meetings. Ray explained that the hot topic at the last meeting was the Department of Energy's (DOE) essential involvement in the project; he stated that without the DOE's endorsement and financial support, CFPP would be dead in the water. Ray projected that a decision by the DOE is forthcoming and that UAMPS is hoping for a signed agreement by the end of October.

SUVPS REPORT

Brent Gordon stated that SUVPS team met on the last Thursday in September, September 24, 2020. He reported that the Nebo Power Plant was down for required maintenance, October 1-11, 2020, stating that the crew tested breakers and that Payson Power replaced a few 138 kv arrestors during the downtime. Brent reported that Nebo is back on-line and in good repair.

Brent also reported that the Loafer Substation improvements are approaching completion.

Brook Christensen stated that the breakers will be commissioned at the Loafer Substation and cut into service by mid-November, increasing the SUVPS system reliability.

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POWER SYSTEM REPORT

Brook Christensen reported that the crew tree trimming projects would be wrapping up within the month; he anticipates that all of the tree trimming will be complete prior to the major winter storms. Brook stated that the relays to protect SESD's transformer at the Loafer Substation had arrived; the relays will be replaced at the same time as the SUVPS breakers. Brook stated that the relays will increase reliability and prevent extended outages.

Brook reported that there had been several outages recently due to damaged facilities; he stated that it was unusual during good weather with dry road conditions to have so many vehicle accidents. Brook explained that the outage that occurred on the bench between Elk Ridge and Woodland Hills was not vehicle related. He reported that Rocky Mountain Power was working in the area, stating that the RMP project crosses SESD lines in 5 locations. During conductor installation, RMP had a rope failure that caused their line to come in contact with SESD's. Brook reported that the outage lasted approximately 45 minutes. He stated that the extended time was necessary to rectify the situation and keep the RMP & SESD linemen safe.

Ray Loveless stated that due to COVID-19 and the New Normal, many SESD customers are working from home. He commended the SESD staff for their forethought with the new relays and incorporating other preventative measures that would reduce not only the number of outages but decrease outage duration as well.

Mark Holdaway stated that one Elk Ridge resident effected by the outage was just such a customer, he was working from home and participating in an on-line meeting when the outage occurred. Mark reported that the customer was enraged by the inconvenience and suggested that SESD should seek compensation from RMP for the outage and lost time.

Richard Behling stated that customers need to have alternate power and back-up plans as occasional outages are inevitable. Richard stated that he was opposed to seeking any compensation from RMP.

Wendy Pray suggested that customer education would be a more appropriate response to the situation. She suggested that SESD educate customers about their options and share information with its customers regarding the possibility of unavoidable or accident-related outages. Wendy stated that SESD could offer recommendations for ways to avoid major disruption to work-from-home practices.

LEGAL UPDATE

Ray Loveless stated that the next litigation session with Judge Powell would be held virtually on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 starting at 8:30 a.m. He invited interested trustees to attend and reported that the judge would continue hearing the motions that remained unresolved from the previous session.

Ray also noted that the Appellate Court would hold its first session on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

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CLOSED SESSION - UT Code 52-4-205(d)

Ray Loveless stated that the board needed to discuss additional legal matters that warranted a closed session according to UT Code 52-4-205(d).

At 11:45 a.m. Richard Behling made a motion seconded by Brent Gordon to convene into a closed session to discuss legal matters according to UT Code 52-4-205(d).

Ray Loveless asked Mark Holdaway to conduct a Roll Call Vote:

Nelson Abbott - no response during roll call vote, Richard Behling - Y, Joel Brown - Y, Brent Gordon - Y, Ray Loveless - Y, Wendy Pray - Y, and Kenny Seng - Y.

Ray Loveless confirmed with the ZOOM Host, Mark Holdaway, that Nelson Abbott was still listed as a participant and that public attendees had dropped from the meeting.

Wendy Pray made a motion seconded by Joel Brown to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 12:50 p.m. Nelson Abbott, Richard Behling, Joel Brown, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Wendy Pray, and Kenny Seng approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Pray made a motion to adjourn.

Ray Loveless adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Ray Loveless, Chairman

Mark Holdaway

Date Approved

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Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting will be a regular Board of Trustees meeting held on Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.