

Y-W ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Y-W Electric Association, Inc. was held at the headquarters of the Association, located at 26862 US Highway 34 in Akron, Colorado, at 1:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024.

ROLL CALL

President Joneal Young called the meeting to order. Directors present in person were:

Bob Bledsoe	Freeman Morris
Roger Schenk	Larry Winger
Stuart Travis	Larry Hill
Brook Price	Joneal Young

Director Aaron Gebauer attended via telephone. General Manager Trent Loutensock and Attorney Bryson Fredregill were also present in person. Attorney Fredregill recorded the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

The agenda was adopted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- a. Minutes of December 19, 2023, Y-W Board of Directors Meeting
- b. List of persons to be accepted into membership in Y-W Electric Association, Inc.
- c. Policy 1-6 Board Committees
- d. Policy 1-7 Qualifications of Directorship
- e. Policy 1-8 Conflict of Interest
- f. Estate Refunds

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

DECEMBER BILLS

General Manager Loutensock and the Board reviewed the list of bills paid by the Association in the month of December 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brandee Bullard entered the meeting.

Bullard and General Manager Loutensock presented the Y-WEA financials. They presented the Investments Report, November Statement of Operations, Loan Rate Comparison as of January 11, 2024, November Form 7, November Operating Forecast, Two-Year Expense Report, Five-Year Equity Report, and Consumer Sales and Revenue Report. Bullard presented the December Capitalized Costs Report and the November General Ledger.

Loutensock presented the January 9, 2024, Tri-State Invoice, and graphs of demand, energy, and cost per kWh. He discussed the year over year and budget comparison for December 2023. Y-WEA had a load factor of 92.0377.

Bullard exited the meeting.

IT REPORT

Steven Marshall, Andy Hase, and Any Molt entered the meeting

The board reviewed the quarterly IT Report prepared by Steven Marshall. Marshall provided updates on topics including microwave system upgrade, corporate firewall replacement, and RMUC cybersecurity grant application. Marshall and the board had an extensive discussion regarding cybersecurity risks and mitigation strategies.

Marshall exited the meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Andy Hase presented the quarterly Operations Report. There was one lost time accident in the fourth quarter of 2023, which resulted from a slip and fall on the ice. There were 6 consumer incidents in the fourth quarter, all struck poles. Hase reported that the Safety Meeting focused on PPE, ladder use, fire extinguisher inspection, trenching and shoring, fall protection, and underground. Has discussed new services, retired, services, and the outage report. Hase presented the fleet report and discussed maintenance on the boom truck.

Hase exited the meeting.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Andy Molt presented the Member Services Report. Molt discussed rebates, grants, and annual meeting preparations. He updated the board on energy audits and the scholarship process. Molt reported that Y-WEA currently has 9 members purchasing 400 blocks of renewable energy. Molt reported on grant awards and applications from the following programs: Charge Ahead, New Era, GRIP, and RMUC. Y-WEA is seeking grant funding for charging stations, solar generation, microwave system updates, and line rebuilds.

HIGH VOLTAGE TRAILER DEMONSTRATION

The board relocated to the Y-WEA garage for a high voltage trailer demonstration conducted by Molt and Hase. Molt discussed the value of the trailer to the service territory and highlighted how it might be upgraded if rebuilt. Molt requested funding of authorize expenditure of up to \$19,000.00 for rebuilding the high voltage trailer.

Molt and Hase exited the meeting.

The board returned to the board room. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to release \$19,000.00 for the purpose of rebuilding the high voltage demonstration trailer.

MANAGER REPORT

Manager Loutensock presented his written report. He presented the list of delinquent accounts and “thank you” notes. He presented the Federated December 2023 Member Update. Loutensock presented a request for interest in the CO NRECA director seat along with the list of current candidates. The board discussed the candidates. Loutensock presented the CFC Newsletter and provided an update on progress with the Eckley Franchise Agreement

GENERATOR REPORT

General Manager Loutensock presented the Wray Wind Generation Report, EV Charging Station Financial Summary, and Net Metering Analysis through December 2023.

Director Price exited the meeting.

POLICY 1-5 PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND INSURANCE FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Loutensock presented Policy 1-5 Per Diem, Expenses, and Insurance for Board Members with no revisions. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the policy as presented.

POLICY 4-1 USE OF BANKING FACILITIES

Loutensock presented a revised Policy 4-1 Banking Facilities. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the policy as presented.

CREA ANNUAL MEETING

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Larry Hill and Stuart Travis as Y-WEA's CREA Annual Meeting delegate and alternate, respectively.

NRECA ANNUAL MEETING

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Trent Loutensock and Larry Hill as Y-WEA's NRECA Annual Meeting delegate and alternate, respectively.

AKRON KNOWLEDGE BOWL COMMUNITY TRIVIA NIGHT

Loutensock presented a request for sponsorship for the Akron Knowledge Bowl Community Trivia Night. The board took no action.

NRECA INTERNATIONAL

Loutensock presented a request for donation to NRECA International. The board took no action.

WESTERN UNITED ELECTRIC

Director Bledsoe reported that Western United's December sales were 4% higher than the previous year. Year-to-date sales lagged by 1.6%.

CREA

Stuart Travis reported that there was no regular meeting of the CREA Board of Directors occurring since the last Y-WEA Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors..

MIDWEST ELECTRIC

Stuart Travis reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the Midwest Electric board of directors. He reported that Tri-State is revising its per diem and reimbursement for Midwest director expenses. The board discussed Tri-State member WAPA allocations.

TRI-STATE

Director Schenk reported on his attendance at the Regular Meeting of the Tri-State Board of Directors. Schenk reported on the FERC's CTP decision and the underlying methodology. Schenk reported that the FERC rejected Tri-State's formulary rate filing. Tri-State has filed additional information. The board discussed the rate impacts of bundling versus direct assignment.

Schenk also discussed system upgrades, coal utilization, renewable generation, Tri-State's Operating Report and the Tri-State board's consideration of Midwest director per diems.

Larry Hill disclosed his involvement in Richard Holtorf's campaign for Colorado's 4th congressional district seat in the 2024 United States House of Representatives Colorado election.

Freeman Morris reported that a member had inquired about Y-WEA's nepotism policy. Manager Loutensock discussed the policy.

2024 MANAGER APPRAISAL PROCESS

Director Schenk discussed the appraisal process.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Board discussed attendance at upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT