# MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. May 22, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of San Isabel Electric Association, Inc., was held Monday, May 22, 2023. The meeting was held in person at the San Isabel Electric headquarters office, 781 E. Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.

<u>Call to Order</u> – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Edward "Ray" Garcia, who presided.

**Roll Call** – Roll call was taken by visual observation. The following Directors were present in person: Donald Keairns, Deborah Rose, Dennis Maroney, Don Tokar, Jacque Sikes, Doris Morgan, and Edward Garcia, being a quorum of the Directors of San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. Also present were Ryan Elarton, General Manager; Gary Eitel, CAO; Darryl Stewart, COO; Lisa Folga, Chief Business Officer; Sisto Mazza, General Counsel; Dolores Gomez, Accounting; Naomi Simmons, Member Services & Billing Manager; Bonnie Myers, Assistant to the General Manager.

Visitors: George Lynch and Robert Lang with Kelso Lynch; Christopher Carlisle, member; Steve Jordan, member; Duane Highley and Michelle Pastor, Tri-State Generation & Transmission.

<u>Adopt Agenda</u> – The President asked if the Board had any additions to the agenda. The agenda was then adopted.

<u>Meeting Minutes</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Rose, seconded by Mr. Maroney, and unanimously carried, that the minutes for last month's regular Board meeting be approved.

### **Member Comments**

Mr. Christopher Carlisle addressed the Board.

Mr. Steve Jordan addressed the Board.

<u>Strategy & Staff Report</u> – Mr. Elarton, Ms. Folga, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Eitel submitted a written report and gave verbal reports.

<u>Consent Agenda</u> – A motion was made by Ms. Rose, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and unanimously carried that the consent agenda items be approved. The motion to approve the consent agenda items was unanimously carried, which includes *Statistical Report, Form 7, Graphs, Check Register, Manager's Expense Report, Outage Report, Director Expense Reports, Donation Reports, Board Donation Report, Policy Review, Summary of Write-Offs, Investment Analysis, and Revenue Comparison*.

<u>Safety Meeting Report</u> – The safety meeting report for April 2023, was submitted to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Rose, seconded by Mr. Tokar, and unanimously carried

that the safety meeting report be approved.

## **Administrative Items**

**CFC Annual Meeting Delegate and Alternate** – Mr. Garcia appointed Ms. Rose as the delegate and Mr. Keairns as the alternate.

**Springer Electric Entity Designation Form** – Mr. Garcia appointed himself as the delegate.

**Springer Electric Annual Meeting Notice** – The notice of Springer Electric's annual meeting was submitted to the Board.

**Engagement Letter – Kelso Lynch** – The Board approved the engagement letter for Kelso Lynch.

**CoBank Nominations** – Notice of the CoBank nominations was submitted to the Board.

### **Board Education**

**Tri-State Generation & Transmission** – Mr. Duane Highley, CEO of Tri-State Generation & Transmission, addressed the Board.

### **Action Items**

**Donation Requests** – Mr. Eitel gave the Board a presentation of donations. The following donation requests were submitted to the Board.

La Veta Downtown Beautification requested a donation for the La Veta Downtown Beautification project. A motion was made by Mr. Keairns, seconded by Ms. Sikes, and unanimously carried to donate \$700.

Huerfano Parks and Recreation Department requested a donation for storage for youth sports and youth conservation corps equipment. A motion was made by Ms. Sikes, seconded by Mr. Keairns, and unanimously carried to donate \$1,000.

Beulah Heritage Preservation League with Beulah Valley Arts Council and Beulah Education Support Team requested a donation for the construction of a pavilion cover at the Dotson Cabin park. A motion was made by Ms. Rose, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and unanimously carried to donate \$1,000.

The American Legion, Post 16 requested a donation for the Huerfano County Community Veterans Center. No action taken.

PWHS Wrestling requested a donation for the free wrestling camp. A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Tokar, and unanimously carried to donate \$1,000.

The First National Bank in Trinidad requested a donation for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual School Support Drive. A motion was made by Mr. Tokar, seconded by Mr. Keairns, and unanimously carried to donate \$750.

The Salvation Army (Pueblo) requested a donation for their car show. No action taken.

Beulah Education Support Team (B.E.S.T.) requested a donation for the Beulah Challenge. A motion was made by Ms. Rose, seconded by Mr. Maroney, and unanimously carried to donate \$700.

Spanish Peaks Library District requested a donation for the Spanish Peaks Library Districts programs (May 15-December 31). A motion was made by Ms. Sikes and seconded by Mr. Maroney to donate \$1,500. The motion carried 5-2.

La Veta Fire Protection District Auxiliary requested a donation for their kitchen. A motion was made by Mr. Keairns, seconded by Ms. Rose, and unanimously carried to donate \$2,500.

Pueblo Economic Development Corporation requested a donation for their 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament – Hole Sign Sponsorship. No action taken.

Pueblo County Fair requested a donation for the Pueblo County Fair. No action taken.

Pueblo Police Activities League requested a donation for the Preserving our Future program. No action taken.

The Friends of Hollydot requested a donation for the 2023 Friends of Hollydot Fundraiser Golf Tournament. A motion was made by Mr. Maroney, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and unanimously carried to donate \$750.

Soaring Eagles Center for Autism requested a donation for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night. No action taken.

Hoehne School District RE-3 requested a donation for a Community Hearing Machine. A motion was made by Ms. Sikes, seconded by Mr. Garcia, and unanimously carried to donate \$1,493.

Pueblo County Shooting Sports Council requested a donation for Shooting Sports. A motion was made by Mr. Maroney, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and unanimously carried to donate \$500.

Mariposa Center for Safety (YWCA of Pueblo) requested a donation for the Mother's Day Virtual Silent Auction Fundraising Event. No action taken.

**2022 Audit** – Mr. George Lynch and Mr. Robert Lang appeared in person to present the 2022 Annual Audit to the Board. A hard copy of the audit was provided to the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Sikes to accept the 2022 audit, seconded by Ms. Rose, and unanimously carried.

**Set Nominating Committee Meeting Date** – A motion was made by Mr. Keairns, seconded by Ms. Sikes, and unanimously carried that the Nominating Committee meeting for the purpose of nominating individuals for the open Director seats will be held at the Association

headquarters office on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee** – A motion was made by Mr. Keairns, seconded by Ms. Sikes, and unanimously carried to appoint the following Members to the Nominating Committee.

Tyree Morrison, District 1
Frank Roybal, District 2
Manuel Garcia, District 3
Fred Eccher, District 5

John Lockamy, District 6 Greg Costa, District 7 Karen Summers, District 8

# **Unfinished Business**

**General Counsel's Report** – General Counsel Sisto Mazza gave a verbal report to the Board.

**Executive Session 1:27 p.m.** – A motion was made by Ms. Sikes , second by Ms. Rose, and unanimously carried that the Board go into executive session. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss personnel and contracts.

**Regular Session 1:32 p.m.** – A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Maroney, and unanimously carried that the regular session of the Board be resumed. No vote was taken while the Board was in executive session.

**Report on Meetings Attended** – Reports given for any meetings attended by the Directors.

<u>Western United Electric Report</u> – A written report was submitted to the Board, and Mr. Maroney gave a verbal report.

**CREA Report** – A written report was submitted to the Board, and Ms. Rose gave a verbal report.

<u>Tri-State Report</u> – A written report was submitted to the Board, and Mr. Keairns gave a verbal report.

**Board Comments** – The President called for comments from the Board.

<u>June 2023 Board Meeting</u> – The June 2023 regular Board meeting will be held <u>Friday</u>, <u>June 16, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m.</u> at the Bear Creek Warehouse in Walsenburg, CO.

**Adjourn** – There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

	/Edward R. Garcia/
ATTEST:	President of the Board
/Doris Morgan/	
Secretary of the Board	

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/Jacque Sikes/	/Edward R. Garcia/
/Deborah Rose/	/Dennis Maroney/
/Don Tokar/	/Doris Morgan/
/Donald Kea Being all the Directors of San	airns/ Isabel Electric Association, Inc.