# LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 9, 2023

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Finance and Audit Committee of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held Thursday, March 9, 2023, via Zoom webinar. Committee Chair McWilliams called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Director Sue McWilliams, Committee Chair Director Ted Compton Director Tim Wheeler Jessica Matlock, Chief Executive Officer Karl Ramsey, VP of Finance

#### **LPEA STAFF**

Dan Harms, Executive VP of Grid Solutions and Special Projects Monica Rodriguez, Controller Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Assistant Graham Smith, General Counsel

## **WEBINAR GUESTS**

Director Holly Metzler, Director Kohler McInnis, and Director Kirsten Skeehan

## **EXCUSED ABSENCE**

None

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Committee Chair McWilliams amended the March 9, 2023, Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) meeting agenda.

**Motion:** Committee Member Compton moved to approve the March 9, 2023, FAC meeting agenda as

presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

# APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Committee Chair McWilliams addressed the January 12, 2023, FAC meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Committee Member Wheeler moved to approve the January 12, 2023, FAC meeting minutes.

Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

### **QUESTIONS ON JANUARY FINANCIALS**

VP of Finance Ramsey was available to field questions; no questions were posed for January.

### **FEBRUARY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Financials for February are not yet finalized; preliminary results look similar to January with strong sales and margins. However, cash levels were below the board's target at the end of February due to a \$2.5m debt payment made in January and large capital payments made in February, although they were within the target range on the date of the FAC meeting.

### **AUDIT UPDATE**

VP Ramsey gave an update on the audit conducted by Forvis, LLP (formerly BKD, LLP). The interim audit work was conducted virtually in November, with field work completed in February. No issues of concern were identified by the auditors. The final audit report will be presented to the full board at the April board meeting. VP Ramsey took questions regarding the audit update.

## **NET METERING (INTRODUCTION)**

VP Harms addressed an introduction to net metering. There are 4 primary changes: application fee, aggregated net metering, rolling back the 150% cap to a 120% cap, and limits for net metering for commercial and residential members. VP Harms took suggestions and questions from committee members.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee Chair McWilliams requested a motion to move into an executive session to discuss an update on the three-prong strategy.

Motion: Committee member Wheeler moved to enter an executive session to discuss an update on

the three-prong strategy. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

The FAC committee remained in executive session from 9:26 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

## **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next FAC meeting is slated for April 13, 2023.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, this meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the La Plata Electric Association, Board of Directors adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Recorded by J.P. Thunstrom, and approved by:

Due me Williams Sue McWilliams, Committee Chair