

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 23, 2016**  
**FERGUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

1. **GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** The Fergus Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees met in general session June 23, 2016 with PRESIDENT BOB EVANS calling the meeting to order at 9 a.m. VANGIE McCONNELL was scrivener. Other board members present were BRAD ARNTZEN, PAUL DESCHEEMAER, DAVID DOVER, TERRY FROST, JASON SWANZ and MIKE VLASTELIC. GENERAL MANAGER SCOTT SWEENEY, LINE SUPERINTENDENT DALE RIKALA, OFFICE MANAGER SALLY HORACEK, FINANCIAL ANALYST JANINE RIFE DIDIER and CORPORATE COUNSEL KRIS BIRDWELL were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** After reviewing the meeting agenda, BRAD ARNTZEN moved to approve it. PAUL DESCHEEMAER seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** After reviewing the minutes of the May 26, 2016 general meeting, MIKE VLASTELIC moved to approve them. TERRY FROST seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. TERRY FROST moved to approve the June 11, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes. JASON SWANZ seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. DAVID DOVER moved to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2016. MIKE VLASTELIC seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Action will be taken at the June 8, 2017 Annual Meeting.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** The Board noted the regular time for member input relative to any issue of interest or importance to them. LAURIE and ROGER LOHRER, and JO SHIPMAN representing the Central Montana Resource Council appeared before the Board. They reviewed a recent written survey they had administered for their membership regarding solar energy as it pertained to community solar and other solar installations. They expressed a desire to work with Fergus Electric and invited the Board and Manager to attend their meetings. MANAGER SWEENEY noted that the co-op will be doing a phone survey in July and will gladly share the findings.
5. **ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW.** After discussion about the recent Saturday meeting, BRAD ARNTZEN moved to return to a June, Thursday meeting. DAVID DOVER seconded the motion which, carried unanimously.
6. **PRECORP BOARD.** MIKE VLASTELIC, Fergus Electric's representative on the PRECorp Board reported on the June 21, 2016 meeting in Sheridan. Discussion is continuing on the creation of the G & T for power supply. A five-member board – including three from PRECorp, one from Fergus and one from TRECO was proposed. The name for the G & T is proposed to be WyMont Electric G & T.
7. **SOUTHERN BOARD.** DAVID DOVER, JASON SWANZ and SCOTT SWEENEY reported that in June, Southern paid off all of the bankruptcy debt. The last payment, made on June 21, satisfied the construction lien claims and the payment made on May 31 satisfied the \$21 million secured noteholder claims.
8. **FINANCIAL AND OTHER MONTHLY REPORTS.** GENERAL MANAGER SCOTT SWEENEY presented financial and other monthly reports to the Board for discussion. Included in the items seen were the May operating report prepared by OFFICE MANAGER SALLY HORACEK and the May analysis of operating statistics prepared by FINANCIAL ANALYST JANINE RIFE DIDIER.



9. **COMMUNITY SOLAR.** MANAGER SWEENEY reported that WILL LUTGEN of Symbios Consulting is continuing to help with a survey to determine interest in community solar. JANINE RIFE DIDIER and SWEENEY have compiled survey questions. LUTGEN recommended DHM as the consultant that will conduct the telephone survey of 300 to 400 members. The survey will be completed in July.

10. **SIGNAL PEAK, LLC.** The combined load factor for the 50Kv and 100Kv signal peak substation was 48.1 %. The electric load seems to be stable for the year

11. **CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS.** The Board reviewed the June, 2016 estate capital credit retirements of \$10,435.26 prepared by SUSAN HINKLEY. TERRY FROST moved to affirm the retirements and MIKE VLASTELIC seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. **DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS/NEW MEMBERS LIST.** The Board reviewed the delinquent accounts showing those that were paid in full and those that were still owing. A list of new members was also reviewed.

13. **FUTURE MEETINGS.**


- a. MECA Summer Meeting, Glasgow, July 6-7 – Mike, Paul & Terry
- b. TRECO Annual Meeting, Ashland, July 9 – Terry
- c. Safety, Pole Top & Bucket Rescue, Hearing Tests, July 12
- d. PRECorp Board, Sundance, July 19 – Mike
- e. Southern, Billings, July 18
- f. Basin MAC, Deadwood, July 20-21 – Scott
- g. Union Negotiations, July 25-27, Aug. 8-9, Aug. 22-23 – Bob, Kris, Scott
- h. Safety, July 27, Montana DR.I.V.E., Roundup Crew
- i. Fergus Board, July 28, Aug. 31 (Wed.), Sept. 23
- j. Safety, ATV Safety, Hazard Communication (May Day) & Rope Rigging/Splicing/Knots – Aug 4
- k. Safety, Aug. 8, Montana DR.I.V.E., Lewistown Crews
- l. MECA Annual, Great Falls, Sept. 26-29
- m. PRECorp Annual, Aug. 27, Buffalo High School – Mike & Bob
- n. Basin Annual, Bismarck, Nov. 8-10 – Brad, Bob, David, Mike, Scott

14. **NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS.**

15. **ADJOURN.** PRESIDENT EVANS adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

  
Secretary

Attest:

  
President