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IEDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft

July 11, 2023 – 9:00 AM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEDA”) was held on August 15, 2023.

The following IEDA Members attended the meeting:

Mitch Basefsky – CAP (Virtual)
Andrew Campbell- RWCD (Virtual)
Michael Curtis, Dentons?
Dennis Delaney – KR Saline (Virtual)
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Brian Fickett - Tohono O’odham Utility Authority
Elston Grubaugh, Wellton-Mohawk, Vice-President (Virtual)
Jordy Fuentes – Arizona Power Authority
Daniel Herder – Clark-Hill (Virtual)
Taylor Howerter, RID
Leslie James – CREDA (Virtual)
Dan Jones – Salmon, Lewis & Weldon (Virtual)
DeWayne Justic – ED7 (Phone)
Diego Leal – B3 Strategies (Virtual)
Shane Leonard – Roosevelt Water Conservation District, President
Doug Milligan – SRP (Virtual)
Derek McEachern, ED4 (Virtual)
Ron McEachern, ED4 (Virtual)
Frank McRae – Southwest Public Power Association (Virtual)
Jason Moyes – Moyes, Sellers, Hendricks (Virtual)
Paul Orme – Salmon, Lewis & Weldon (Virtual)
Dan Pritchard – KR Saline
Casey Ratlief – Grand Canyon State Electrical Cooperative Association
Jeff Ritter – CAP (Virtual)
Shane Sanders – AEPCO (Virtual)
Ken Saline - KR Saline
Scott Saline - KR Saline
Meghan Scott, Noble Law Firm (Virtual)
Lori Tatiano, SRP
John Scremin – RWCD (Virtual)
Kent Simer - KR Saline (Virtual)
Sheryl Sweeney, Clark-Hill (Virtual)
Lori Tatiano - SRP

Shelton Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)
Robert VanHofwegen – ED8 (Virtual)
Glen Vortherms – MWD
Jeff Woner – KR Saline (Virtual)

President Leonard called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Casey Ratlief, with Grand Canyon State Electrical Cooperative Association, made a presentation regarding their state PAC. Casey provided an overview of how their program works and benefits, not only with representatives, but also members. He described some communication techniques, fund raising opportunities and logistical details. Casey described the PAC as one part of a three legged stool; relationships, resource, and revenue.

Ryan Serote couldn't be present for the meeting, but a report was presented to the board prior to the meeting. Ed covered three items of note, S. 2514, H.R.1588 and H.R. 3965. The Salinity Control Act will increase the federal funding, but will not reduce the power contributions. Federal increases are due to the ongoing reduction in power generation. The Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act would qualify all hydropower as renewable. This should be beneficial for REC values for hydropower customers in Arizona. Finally, the Extreme Heat Emergency Act could impact members, given the temperatures in the state.

Russell Smoldon was not available for the meeting, but B3 Strategies provided a written report that will be distributed to the group. Ed highlighted the Prop 400 approved by the Governor and that will be put on the next ballot for continued highway funding. Ed asked if there were any questions regarding state issues.

Ed provided a water update. The new SEIS draft is expected to be out in September, with the final draft done by the end of the year, likely after CRWUA. The Record of Decisions should be out in mid to late January with a 45-day comment period.

Regarding the Lower Basin Proposal, over 1 MAF of contributions have been signed, sealed and delivered in Arizona. These agreements, and Nevada's, are included in the June 24 Month schedule. That leaves approximately 400K AF of California's conservation efforts. This translates to approximately 147K MWH of reduction yet to be recognized at Hoover. This was discussed at the APA meeting and recognized in the approved budget.

Regarding the Post-2026 Operating Guidelines, we will have a formal approval by the board later in the meeting. Regarding the Post-2026 process, discussions with the Upper Basin are not going well. Words like "System" is a trigger for them. They want the Post-2026 Operating Guidelines just to be about Powell and Mead,

Ed also covered the Waters of the United States. EPA is using a "Good Cause" rule to bypass comments on their latest rewrite after the Sackett decision. It is likely that they are trying to fast track it so that it can avoid being subject to the Congressional Review Act. EPA is also streamlining state and local control procedures as another work around.

Ed updated the board that Michael Brain has replaced Tanja Trujillo as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Water & Science. Ed paused to see if there were any questions about water issues.

Moving into power updates, Ed provided a brief overview about the APPA Advisory meeting at the end of July. Ed highlighted a few items, but there will be an in-depth dive at the September meeting, as we will be focusing on state and federal legislative issues.

Leslie James provided an update on WAPA-206 and the CRSP Annual Meeting. The WAPA-206 Meeting was very short with limited comments.

Ken Saline provided an update on the One Transmission Rate process. He got into the record the idea of moving the CRSP transmission portion south of Glen Canyon Dam into the One Transmission Rate.

President Leonard discussion the ongoing issues concerning Renewable Energy Overlay Zones. There is 8K AC in Coolidge and communities are starting to pushback on the abundance of proposed solar projects.

Ed highlighted a few recent projects approved by the ACC in Arizona and the Vogtle Unit 3 being commissioned. Ed paused for any questions related to power.

Moving into the Board Meeting, a motion was requested for approval of the minutes for the June 13th, 2023 board meeting. Glen Vortherms made a motion to approve the minutes from June 13th, 2023 board meeting. Taylor Howerter seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Dan Jones provided a progress update regarding the Save the Colorado lawsuit. IEDA filed a joinder to CREDA submittal.

The Post-2026 Operating Guidelines comments, a compilation of AMPUA, GCSECA & IEDA were presented for approval. Some discussion occurred. Elston Grubaugh made a motion to submit the letter. Taylor Howerter seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Finally, Ed discussed the federal PAC, expectations as a non-IEDA PAC and request for any IEDA members that would be interested in participating. Glen Vortherms and Brian Fickett expressed interest.

The next meeting will be on September 19th, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.