



## IRRIGATION & ELECTRICAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA, INC.

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### IEDA BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES - Draft

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10:30 AM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEDA”) was held on August 20, 2024.

The following IEDA Members attended the meeting:

Mitch Basefsky – CAP (Virtual)  
Heather Cole – Arizona Power Authority (Virtual)  
Dennis Delaney - KR Saline & Associates (Virtual)  
Sheri Farag – SRP (Virtual)  
Brian Fickett – TOUA (Virtual)  
David Fitzgerald – AEPCO (Virtual)  
Darrin Francom – CAP (Virtual)  
Jordy Fuentes – Arizona Power Authority (Virtual)  
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director  
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk (Virtual)  
Daniel Herder – Clark-Hill  
Taylor Howerter – RID  
DeWayne Justice – ED7 (Phone)  
Stephanie Knight-Dubien – ABWC (Virtual)  
Adam McAnally- SRP  
Frank McRae – SPPA (Virtual)  
Joe Meese – TOUA (Virtual)  
Jason Moyes - TID, HVPD, Aguilla (Virtual)  
Donovan Neese – RID  
Paul Orme – Salmon, Lewis & Weldon (Virtual)  
Daniel Pritchard - KR Saline & Associates (Virtual)  
Jeff Ritter – CAP (Virtual)  
Ken Saline – KR Saline & Associates (Virtual)  
Scott Saline - TID, HVPD, Aguilla  
Meghan Scott – Noble Law Firm (Virtual)  
Kent Simer – KR Saline & Associates (Virtual)  
Russell Smoldon – B3 Strategies  
Bill Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)  
Sheldon Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)  
Glen Vortherms – MWD, IEDA Board President

Jeff Woner – Ocotillo (Virtual)

President Vortherms called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

Based on a roll call, a quorum was established.

Moving to the board actions, a motion was requested for approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2024. Brian Fickett made a motion to approve the minutes. Elston Grubaugh seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak discussed the Westside PAC and the request for help administering the PAC. Mr. Gerak discussed the history of the PAC, that it has been dormant for some time, and that Jay Moyes retired secretary is looking to offload the filing responsibilities. Mr. Gerak expressed the value of participating in this federal PAC. Jason Moyes shared some thoughts regarding the PAC. A discussion was held, and Mr. Gerak made sure that the group knew that it would not be an IEDA PAC, but given a name change, it could be a great resource for public power in Arizona. Jason Moyes made a motion for Mr. Gerak to participate with and help in the administration of the PAC. Brian Fickett seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak brought forward for consideration joining the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. Given the size of IEDA's staff, membership dues would be \$965. Members spoke in favor of joining. President Vortherms asked if a motion was necessary. Mr. Gerak considered this within his spending authorization, so direction would be sufficient. Mr. Gerak was directed to proceed with the membership.

Mr. Gerak presented the draft brochure that was included in the packet. This idea came from the APPA Advisory Committee meeting, where multiple attendees created an information handout for their members. Discussion was held regarding the brochure, including timing and frequency. It received favorable comments and Mr. Gerak was directed to proceed with finalizing.

Mr. Gerak presented the draft agenda for the IEDA Annual Meeting. Discussion was held regarding the agenda. The timing of the meeting was moved back to accommodate piggyback onto the APPA Joint Action Agency attendance in Scottsdale earlier in the week. The agenda is more power focused and light on water and politics. President Vortherms asked if the committee had any comments. Adam McNally made a motion to proceed with the agenda as presented. Jason Moyes seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

President Vortherms discussed the President's Prerogative this month. Absent a strategic plan, this month's prerogative was geared to check-in with members to discuss logistical structure and planning for ongoing IEDA initiatives. Members expressed a continued willingness to meet monthly, align the dates (minus conflicts) with the day the Arizona Power Authority meetings. The meeting structure was reinforced (guest speaker) and a time limit of 2 hours was recommended. Regarding ongoing initiatives, the fly-in received support, as well as some support for the leadership cohort and internship.

Russell Smoldon provided an election update, highlighting the primary results, voter registration, state and federal races. Some time was dedicated towards party dynamics and the potential legislative make-up on the state and federal level. Given timing constraints, Mr. Smoldon will bring back an overview of the initiatives in October, prior to the election in November.

Mr. Gerak provided an update on federal issues. He has heard rumors that a Senate ENR hearing on hydropower will occur the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. This would likely include the Help Hoover Dam Act. Mr. Gerak will be traveling to DC the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> to thank members for their support of the Help Hoover Dam Act and lay the groundwork for next year.

Mr. Gerak touched on water and power issue highlights. If there are any questions, please follow up offline.

Treasure Neese discussed a mid-year update. We are trending at or a little ahead (because of interest) of budget for revenue and below budget for expenses. Assuming SCIP dues come in this year, we will end the year approximately \$20K above year end reserves from 2023.

President Vortherms opened the floor to member comments.

Mr. Gerak highlighted that the September meeting will be virtual and that October meeting is planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 P.M.