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IEIDA BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES - Draft

November 18th, 2024 – 12:00 PM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEIDA”) was held on November 18th, 2024.

The following IEDA Members attended the meeting:

Mitch Basefsky – CAP (Virtual)
Jason Brimhall – Safford (Virtual)
Noel Carter – BWCDD (Virtual)
Heather Cole – APA (Virtual)
Dennis Delaney – KRS (Virtual)
Sheri Farag – SRP (Virtual)
Brian Fickett – TOUA (Virtual)
David Fitzgerald – AEPCO (Virtual)
Darrin Francom - CAP (Virtual)
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk (Virtual)
Daniel Herder – Clark-Hill
DeWayne Justice – ED7
Jason Moyes – (Virtual)
Donovan Neese – RID
Daniel Pritchard - KR Saline & Associates (Virtual)
Ken Saline – KR Saline & Associates
Scott Saline - TID, HVPD, Aguilla
Shane Sanders – AEPCO (Virtual)
Meghan Scott – Noble Law Firmj (Virtual)
Russell Smoldon – B3 Strategies
Sheryl Sweeney – Clark-Hill
Bill Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)
Shelton Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)
Robert VanHofwegen – ED8
Glen Vortherms – MWD, IEDA Board President
Jeff Woner – Ocotillo (Virtual)

President Vortherms called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

Based on a roll call, a quorum was established.

A motion was requested for approval of the minutes for the October 22nd, 2024. Elston Grubaugh made a motion to approve the minutes. Donovan Neese seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak presented to the board for their approval the 2025 IEDA Budget. Brian Fickett made a motion to approve the budget. Robert VanHofwegen seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Donovan Neese, chairman of the Nominating Committee discussed the potential candidates for the Executive Committee. All current officers were willing to serve again. Sheri Farag offered a willingness to serve now or in the future but did not wish to challenge any existing officers. Jeff Woner made a motion to advance the current officers for another term in 2025. Jason Moyes seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak discussed the background on the draft WAPA Allocator letter. The group discussed the issues and concerns given the history. The options and outcomes were discussed. After the discussion, Mr. Gerak expressed his desire to submit the letter by Thursday. Comments regarding the letter were due by COB on Wednesday.

Mr. Gerak reviewed the APPA resolution that will be up for review in February. Mr. Gerak asked for any thoughts regarding the resolution, but also suggested that the legislative committee discuss if there are any modifications to the resolution prior to the end of the year.

President Vortherms discussed the President's Prerogative. Given that we are in approving the 2025 Budget this month, it seemed appropriate to revisit the dues methodology and see if members had any questions or thoughts for improvement. Three big questions were the focus of the discussion. First, is hydropower weighted too heavy in the dues calculations given the impacts of drought on generation? Second, should we increase minimum dues because of inflation. Given the fact that minimum dues were adjusted in 2022, the answer right now seems to be no. Finally, should there be a cap on dues for mid-tier members? This issue will likely be revisited in the future prior to the 2026 budget.

Russell Smoldon provided an update on the state election results. On the senate side, 17 Republicans to 13 Democrats and 33 Republicans to 27 Democrats in the House. Mr. Smoldon also outlined the leadership for each chamber and party.

- Senate Republicans
 - President Warren Petersen
 - Majority Leader Janae Shamp
 - Majority Whip Frank Carroll
- Senate Democrats
 - Democratic Leader Priya Sundareshan
 - Assistant Leader Flavio Bravo
 - Whip Rosanna Gabaldon
 - Caucus Chair Lela Alston
- House Republicans
 - Speaker Steve Montenegro
 - Majority Leader Michael Carbone

- Majority Whip Julie Willoughby
- House Democrats
 - Democratic Leader Oscar De Los Santos
 - Assistant Leader Nancy Guitierrez
 - Whip Quanta Crews
 - Whip Stacey Travers

Senate Natural Resources will be chaired by TJ Shope and vice-chair is Timm Dunn.
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Mr. Gerak gave an update on the federal elections and the Help Hoover Dam Act.

Highlights of the Water Committee included AZ Federal committees of reference. We touched on Post-2026 updates, including how the new administration may impact the discussions with a new Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner. It is likely that the election will impact the viability of the Tribal Water Settlements, given the austerity measures they seem intent on implementing. NWRA & ABWC were discussed. Stephanie was promoted to the Executive Director position at ABWC.

Both the Water and Power Committees discussed possible speakers and topics for next year. It was also discussed in the Water Committee the possibility of adding more members to the committee to enhance discussions.

Treasure Neese provided an overview of the financial situation.

President Vortherms opened the floor to member comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 P.M.