

**NORTHEAST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
November 22, 2019
NEPPA Headquarters
200 New Estate Rd. Littleton, Ma 01460**

Present (in person)

Mr. Jeff Cady, chair; Mr. Justin Connell; Mr. James Bakas; Mr. Bill Bottiggi; Mr. Mike Cloutier; Mr. Jonathan Elwell; Mr. Rick Hendershot; Mr. Mike Kirkwood; Mr. Jim Lavelle; Mr. Nick Lawler; Mr. Craig Myotte; Mr. Todd Shea; and Mr. John Tzimirangas.

(via the phone)

Ms. Patty Richards; Mr. Reginald Beliveau; Mr. Paul Heanue; Mr. Scott Hallowell

Absent

Mr. John Driscoll; Mr. Jonathan Fitch; Mr. David Schofield; Mr. Panos Tokadjian;

Staff

Ms. Bonnie Biocchi; Ms. Elizabeth Dailey; Mr. Scott Edwards

Call to Order

Mr. Jeff Cady called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Cady introduced new Executive Committee members Mr. Todd Shea and Mr. James Lavelle.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda which included the November 22, 2019 agenda, minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting, the Executive Director's November report, and the appointment of Craig Spinale to the Mutual Aid Committee.

Financial Reports

Ms. Elizabeth Dailey presented the financial reports which were accepted. Mr. Kirkwood introduced the 2020 budget and Ms. Dailey reviewed the details. The Board discussed options for bringing the budget into balance. Over the past 5 years the budget has been a deficit budget. The Board recommended the plan put forth by Mr. Kirkwood to do a forensic report on the causes and potential remedies. It was suggested that Ms. Dailey did not have to be as conservative in her budgeting as she has been, given that generally we have achieved parity with our budgets by year's end. The Finance Committee and staff will work to develop an action plan for the March meeting. The Board voted to recommend the budget for a Membership vote at the December 6, 2019 Member meeting.

Committee Reports & October Fly-In

Mr. Heanue updated the Committee on the October Fly-in which was termed successful and impactful by those who attended. NEPPA has asked the N.E. Senate delegation to support the letter of Sen. Whitehouse recommending to ISO-NE that they consider the individual states' RPS' as part of their decision making. Mr. Connell further informed the Board that NEPPA had followed-up on a request from the minority ENR Committee to provide written testimony on solutions to develop a 100% Clean Energy Economy.

Additional Committee representatives presented brief updates on the current projects and status of their committees to the Board. These reports were strictly for informational purposes and no Board action was required.

New Business

Mr. Lawler presented the new Mutual Aid Agreement and outlined the process by which it was created. In addition to extensive outreach by the Mutual Aid Director and Chair of the Committee, there were several GM Roundtables held to discuss the revisions. There was a sub-committee formed to review each recommendation for revision. Mr. Lawler highlighted the key points which included:

- All signatories must be Active Members
- There will be a cap on the costs equal to a 40hr/day straight time cap. It was noted that Requesting Utilities will only be charged according to the rate charged by Assisting Utilities and not up to the cap amount.
- Truck Charges will now be part of the agreement and will be at FEMA rates.

The Board asked for modifications to the agreement for the statement about proof of insurance (P. 4g) Ms. Biocchi will ask NEPPA's counsel to determine appropriate language that would indicate that signatories maintain insurance coverages typical for a Utility. The Board further asked for an additional sentence to be added at the end of the agreement stating that "This agreement shall be in effect as of March 1, 2020. The Board voted to accept the agreement, as amended above.

Mr. Cloutier asked the Board to support the recommendation of the Executive Committee to make the Lineworker Rodeo a Public Power only event. This will preclude the IOU Community from participating at in the Rodeo going forward. The board voted to support this recommendation.

Ms. Biocchi updated the Board on the status of Light Up Navajo. Nineteen NEPPA communities are confirmed to participate in this workforce initiative. Counsel is determining if a compensation structure is necessary.

Executive Session

On an individual voice vote, with all Board members voting in the affirmative, the Committee went into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. and concluded their business at 10:05 a.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cloutier
Secretary