

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ANZA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
DECEMBER 28, 2023

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ryall Stewart, President
Stephan Lauzier, Vice President
W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Secretary
Harold Burdick, Treasurer
Hope Adams
Diane Sieker
Stephen P. Silkotch, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Short, General Manager
Brian Baharie, Operations Manager
Vivian Watkins, Executive Assistant / HR Director
Jennifer Williams, Government Relations Liaison
Laura Snider-Manseau, Office Services Manager
Shawn Trento, Telecommunications Manager
Debbie Winger, Member Services Manager
Yuri Gudino, Administrative Assistant
Linda Cooper, Accountant III
Kasey Firth, Field Engineer/EIT

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held in person at the cooperative on December 28, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Ryall Stewart at 8:02 a.m. Upon calling roll, Directors Ryall Stewart, Stephan Lauzier, W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Harold Burdick, Hope Adams, Diane Sieker and Stephen P. Silkotch, Sr. were present thereby constituting a quorum.

President Stewart called for approval of agenda. After discussion of the agenda, Director Ainsworth made a motion to approve agenda as presented. Director Lauzier seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart called for approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 2023. After discussion, Director Sieker made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Director Ainsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart called for approval of minutes of Executive Session of November 17, 2023. After discussion, Director Adams made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart called for member comments.

President Stewart gave presidents report.

General Manager presented and discussed AEC Solar Production Report for November 2023, Hoover Dam Output Update and Lake Mead Water Levels Report, EV Charger Report, U.S. Drought Monitor update, Work Plan update and other Business.

General Manager presented and discussed the Rincon Consulting CEQA and Use Permit Proposal. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to approve the following resolution,

“WHEREAS, Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) exists to provide reliable utility services for its members at the lowest possible cost and,

WHEREAS, AEC has purchased real estate for the purpose of development of a renewable energy facility, necessitating public and conditional use permits by Riverside County, and,

WHEREAS, AEC has an established relationship with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for land use, environmental compliance, and coordination with Riverside County planning, and,

WHEREAS, Rincon Consultants has proposed a comprehensive environmental and land use study to satisfy the needs of the Public and Conditional Use permit requirements in the sum of \$251,081.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the Executive/Staff Summary describing these considerations and attached herein, and duly authorizes the General Manager to execute all documents associated with this transaction.”

Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Government Relations Liaison presented and discussed the CA Water Users and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Sign Historic Agreements to Protect the Colorado River, Study: Salton Sea Has Enough Lithium to Make More Than 375 Million EV Batteries, PG&E Gets Ok to Keep Open Diablo Canyon Power Plant and Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) 2024 Advisory Opinion for POU's and Cooperatives.

Human Resources Director presented and discussed COVID, Workers' Compensation, Grant Updates, Harassment Training and Grant and Efficiency Programs Update.

Human Resources Manager presented and discussed the Hurricane Hilary proposal. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to approve the following resolution,

“WHEREAS, Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) exists to provide reliable utility services for its members at the lowest possible cost and,

WHEREAS, electric cooperatives are not-for-profit entities, delivering electricity to their membership at the cost of service, and,

WHEREAS, Hurricane Hilary was a large, Category 4 Pacific hurricane in August 2023 which brought torrential rainfall and severe winds to Southern California and ultimately tracked directly over Anza, California, and,

WHEREAS, AEC, as a direct result of Hurricane Hilary, had materials damaged and destroyed and significant labor and contract labor fees, all totaling \$43,108.09.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the Executive/Staff Summary describing these considerations and attached herein, and duly authorizes the General Manager to execute all documents associated with this transaction.”

Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

At 9:14 a.m. Linda Cooper, Accountant III entered the Board Meeting.

Member Services Manager presented and discussed FIND Food Distribution, Smart Thermostat Program, Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, Washington Youth Tour, CCP/LIHEAP Distributions, ACP Benefit Program, and Member Statistics.

Telecommunications Manager presented and discussed ConnectAnza Subscriber Connections update/November Calendar month, Additional Projects, Dispatched Service Report, and monthly bandwidth usage.

At 9:49 a.m. Kasey Firth, Field Engineer/EIT entered the board meeting.

Operations Manager presented and discussed the safety meeting for the month of November, loss time due to accidents/outages, new services/construction costs, line length added to AEC distribution, operational time allotments, the Mountain Center daily peaks and low temperatures, other business for the month of November, and construction report. After discussion, Director Silkotch, Sr. made a motion to acknowledge the safety meeting for the month of November. Director Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Kasey Firth, Field Engineer/EIT presented and discussed the Beneficial Electrification 12-month weatherization update.

At 10:09 a.m. Kasey Firth, Field Engineer/EIT left the board meeting.

Office Services Manager presented and discussed RUS Combined Form 7 Financial Statement for AEC & ConnectAnza for month of November, combined variance report for AEC and ConnectAnza, Investment Report, Construction Work Plan costs and Cash Flow report. After discussion, Director Adams made a motion to receive and file the RUS Form 7- Revenue Comparisons for the month of November as presented. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Office Services Manager presented and discussed the auditor's 2024 Audit agreement. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to approve the auditor's 2024 Audit agreement. Director Silkotch Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Director Burdick discussed General Manager's expenses for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$0.

Director Burdick presented and discussed the following Directors' expenses for the month of November 2023:

Director Adams	\$ 4,036.52
Director Ainsworth	\$ 908.20
Director Burdick	\$ 1,329.87
Director Lauzier	\$ 1,347.95
Director Sieker	\$ 1,344.28
Director Silkotch, Sr.	\$ 1,347.17
Director Stewart	\$ 1,396.11

After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to receive and file Directors' expenses for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$11,710.10 combined total. Director Ainsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Director Burdick presented and discussed expenditures for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$1,746,607.03. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to receive and file the expenditures as presented. Director Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Director Burdick and Office Services Manager presented and discussed the 2024 Budget. After discussion, Director Burdick made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

At 11:15 a.m. Linda Cooper, Accountant III left the board meeting.

Director Lauzier presented and discussed Bylaw and Policy Committee report. After discussion, Director Adams made a motion to approve the following policies as presented,

- * Policy No. 500 - "Sale of Material & Supplies"
- * Policy No. 501 - "Board-Member Relations"
- * Policy No. 502 - "Member Request to Attend Board Meetings"
- * Policy No. 503 - "Member Request for Cooperative Information"

Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

After discussion of Board Policy No. 506 - "Identity Theft Red Flag Prevention", Director Adams made a motion to approve the policy as amended. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

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Director Lauzier reviewed Bylaw Article XII.

Director Burdick and General Manager presented the AEPCO report.

General Manager presented and discussed the Golden State Power Cooperative Report.

President Stewart presented and discussed approval of director attendance for the GSPC's Capitol Day for February 20-21, 2024, Sacramento, CA. After discussion, Director Stewart made a motion to approve the following directors,

1. Director Sieker
2. Director Stewart

Director Burdick seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

General Manger presented and discussed NRECA board update for the month of November.

President Stewart presented and discussed approval of director attendance for the 2024 NRECA PowerXchange Meeting for March 1-6, 2024, San Antonio, TX. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to bring it back to next month's agenda.

President Stewart presented and discussed ACRE Director Membership Renewal. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to bring it back to next month's agenda with correct and updated information as title of organization had changed approximately a year ago.

President Stewart discussed donations report.

President Stewart discussed the donation request from Anza Valley Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, Director Ainsworth made a motion to approve donation in the amount of \$400 or less for AEC to purchase lights for horse sculpture and for AEC to do the installation. After further discussion, Director Ainsworth withdrew his motion. Following discussion, Director Burdick made a motion to approve donation of up to \$400 for AEC to purchase lights and install. Directors Lauzier and Silkotch Sr opposed.


President Stewart called for any additional business.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Secretary

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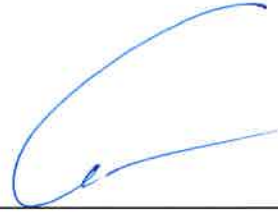


Ryall Stewart, President

CERTIFICATION

I, W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc., and that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 28, 2023, at which time a quorum was present and voting throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as the Secretary and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Cooperative this 25th day of January 2024.



W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Secretary