## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ANZA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MAY 26, 2022

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

Kevin Short, General Manager
Debbie Winger, Member Services Manager
Jennifer Williams, HR Director / Gov. Relations
Laura Snider-Manseau, Office Services Manager
Yuri Gudino, Administrative Assistant
Shawn Trento, Telecommunications Manager
Brian Baharie, Operations Manager

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held in person at the cooperative on May 26, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by President Ryall Stewart at 8:12 a.m. Upon calling roll, Directors Ryall Stewart, Stephan Lauzier, Stephen P. Silkotch, Sr., Harold Burdick, W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Michael Machado and Diane Sieker were present thereby constituting a quorum.

Director Lauzier attended the board meeting via video conference.

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

1. Add President Stewart Capital Credit donation proposal

President Stewart called for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2022. After discussion of the minutes, Director Ainsworth made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Burdick seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart called for approval of the Executive Session minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2022. After discussion of the minutes, Director Ainsworth made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes as presented. Director Burdick seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart called for member comments.

President Stewart gave the President's report.

President Stewart presented and discussed his Capital Credit donation proposal. After discussion, President Stewart made a motion for General Manager to investigate the proposal and seek legal advice. Director Silkotch, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

General Manager presented and discussed the AEC Solar Production Report for April 2022, Hoover Dam Update and Lake Mead Water Levels Report, EV Charger Report update, U.S. Drought update, Work Plan update and other Business.

General Manager presented and discussed the town Hall meeting and the proposed Cannabis Dispensary. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to allow General Manager

to produce letter on behalf of Anza Electric to forward to Supervisor Washington's office regarding opposing the project.

Government Relations Liaison presented and discussed 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan proposal. After discussion, Director Silkotch 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, following several years of drought conditions and strong Santa Ana wind events, the risk of wildfire caused by utility assets has increased significantly and,

WHEREAS, California Public Utilities Code, Chapter 6, §8387. (a), requires each local publicly owned electric utility and electrical cooperative to develop a Wildfire Mitigation Plan and,

WHEREAS, AEC has a company-wide focus on addressing and minimizing wildfire related risks to the health, safety and welfare of our membership and,

WHEREAS, AEC's governing board has determined that there is a significant risk of catastrophic wildfire resulting from damage to or unintentional contact with the utility's electrical lines and equipment, the electrical cooperative shall annually present to the board for its approval those wildfire mitigation measures the utility intends to undertake to minimize the risk of its electrical lines and equipment causing a catastrophic wildfire and,

WHEREAS, AEC's Wildfire Mitigation Plan provides a comprehensive overview of the organizational and operational activities AEC undertakes in addressing the risk of fire within the Cooperative's service territory and,

WHEREAS, AEC's Wildfire Mitigation Plan is subject to the direct supervision of the General Manager and delegated to senior management and,

WHEREAS, The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) issued the Guidance Advisory Opinion for the 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plans of Electric Publicly Owned Utilities and Cooperatives ("2021 WSAB Guidance Advisory Opinion") on December 15, 2020 and,

WHEREAS, This Addendum to Anza Electric Cooperative's (AEC) 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) responds to each of the recommendations included in the 2021 WSAB Guidance Advisory Opinion,

WHEREAS, CPUC §8387 requires Electric Cooperatives and POUs to submit their Wildfire Mitigation Plans to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> annually beginning calendar year 2020,

WHEREAS, AEC's Wildfire Mitigation Plan is a "living document", subject to annual review and modification as regulations are updated and advances in technology occur.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AEC's Board of Directors hereby approves AEC's 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan update, 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Addendum, and submission to the WSAB."

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

Human Resources Director presented and discussed 2020/2021 Annual Employee Recognition Day.

Member Services Manager presented and discussed the Mask distribution, FIND Food Distribution, CCP/LIHEAP Distributions, ACP Benefit Program, United Way Distributions, and Member Statistics.

Member Services Manager presented and discussed the Capital Credit Estate Settlements for Marya G. Zentz and Doretha L. Dungale in the amount of \$1,887.25. After discussion, Director Machado made a motion to approve the Capital Credit Estate Settlements per Board Policy at 50% for a total disbursement in the amount of \$943.63. Director Ainsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Telecommunications Manager presented and discussed ConnectAnza Subscriber Connections update, Additional Projects, and monthly bandwidth graph.

Telecommunications Manager presented and discussed the Gigabit Service Tier. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to adopt 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, gigabit speed internet will benefit heavy internet using members, including members who work from home and members with large households, and,

WHEREAS, it is our goal to maintain the availability of internet services for our members at contemporary service tiers with pricing competitive to other carriers,

WHEREAS, AEC Board Policy 102 (A) states: "That the Cooperative exists primarily to serve its members. The services provided by the Cooperative are essential to the people of our area, to our State, and to the building of our nation.", and,

WHEREAS, AEC has secured federal funding through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund to go towards the upgrade of our network infrastructure to support gigabit tier service, and with it the obligation to build and maintain the new infrastructure as described,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the offering of a gigabit tier internet service offering at \$129 per month, with all other rates, deposits, and agreements remaining consistent with current offerings. The Board authorizes the General Manager to execute any and all documents related to this project."

Director Silkotch, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Operations Manager presented and discussed the safety meeting for the month of April, loss time due to accidents/outages, new services/construction costs, operational time allotments, the Mountain Center daily peaks and low temperatures and other business for the month of April. After discussion, Director Machado made a motion to acknowledge the safety meeting for the month of April. Director Ainsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Operations Manager presented and discussed the Emergency Restoration Plan Table-Top Exercise.

Office Services Manager presented and discussed the RUS Combined Form 7- Revenue Comparisons for the month of April, the Operations/Variance Reports for Anza Electric Cooperative and ConnectAnza, the April AEPCO billing information, the investment report, the cash flow report, and Construction Work Plan Loan Report. After discussion, Director Machado made a motion to receive and file the RUS Form 7- Revenue Comparisons for the month of April as presented. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Director Burdick presented and discussed the General Manager's expenses for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$0.

Director Burdick presented and discussed the following Directors' expenses for the month of April 2022:

Director Ainsworth	\$ 851.77
Director Burdick	\$ 832.46
Director Lauzier	\$ 1,705.26
Director Machado	\$ 836.20
Director Sieker	\$ 845.33
Director Silkotch, Sr.	\$ 840.18
Director Stewart	\$ 889.71

After discussion, Director Ainsworth made a motion to receive and file the Directors' expenses for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$6,800.91 combined total. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Director Burdick presented and discussed the expenditures for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$1,941,678.85. After discussion, Director Ainsworth made a motion to receive and file the expenditures as presented. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

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

- \* Policy No. 200 "Financial Management Policy"
- \* Policy No. 201 "Monthly Disbursement Audit"
- \* Policy No. 202 "Audits of Cooperative Records"
- \* Policy No. 203 "Authorized Check Signatures"
- \* Policy No. 204 "Annual Work Plan & Budget"

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

Director Silkotch, Sr. reviewed Bylaw Article V.

Director Burdick and General Manager presented the AEPCO report and April Meeting Summary.

General Manager presented and discussed the GSPC Report.

President Stewart presented and discussed approval of Director attendance for the Golden State Power Cooperative Annual Meeting for October 4, 2022. After discussion, Director Machado made a motion to approve the following Directors to attend:

Director Stewart

Director Lauzier

Director Silkotch, Sr.

**Director Burdick** 

Director Ainsworth

Director Machado

Director Sieker

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

President Stewart presented and discussed Golden State Power Cooperative Annual Meeting Voting Delegate and Alternate. After discussion, Director Stewart made a motion to approve General Manager as Voting Delegate and Director Stewart as Alternate. Director Burdick seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

General Manager presented and discussed the NRECA Board Update and NRECA Member Resolutions Booklet.

President Stewart presented and discussed approval of Director attendance for the NRECA 2022 Summer School West for July 22-26, 2022, in Salt Lake City, UT. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to take no action.

President Stewart presented and discussed approval of Director attendance for the NRECA Region 9 Meeting for September 27-29, 2022, in Portland, OR. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to refer to July Board Meeting.

President Stewart presented and discussed donation request for Anza Scholarship Fund. After discussion, Director Machado made a motion to donate \$3,000. Director Ainsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart presented and discussed the Thank you letter from FIND Food Bank for donation.

President Stewart called for any additional business.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting was duly adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Stephen P. Silkotch, Sr., Secretary

Ryall Stewart, President

## CERTIFICATION

I, Stephen P. Silkotch, Sr. 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 May 26, 2022, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2022.

Stephen P. Silkotch, Sr., Secretary