

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ANZA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
OCTOBER 26, 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
Debbie Winger, Member Services Manager
Vivian Watkins, Executive Assistant / HR Director
Jennifer Williams, Government Relations Liaison
Laura Snider-Manseau, Office Services Manager
Shawn Trento, Telecommunications Manager
Brian Baharie, Operations Manager
Linda Cooper, Accountant III
Heather Newman, A/P Purchasing Clerk
Kasey Firth, Field Engineer/EIT
Sandy King, Engineering Supervisor
Yuri Gudino, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Jones, Resource Planning Engineer III, Arizona G&T Cooperatives
Mike Searcy, Guernsey Engineering Consultants

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held in person at the cooperative on October 26, 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 amended. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

1. Add Capital Credit Estate Settlements after item 13.
2. Add setting new date for November Board Meeting
3. Add GSPC Proposed 2024 Dues as action item.

President Stewart called for approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2023. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Director Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart called for approval of minutes of the Executive Session of September 21, 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 member comments.

President Stewart gave presidents report.

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

At 8:30 a.m. Mike Searcy, Guernsey Engineering Consultants entered the board meeting via video conference.

Mike Searcy, Guernsey Engineering Consultants presented and discussed the Cost of Service Study and Rate Resolution. 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, AEC’s mission is to operate consistent with the Cooperative Principles, and,

WHEREAS, AEC has contracted with Guernsey Engineering Consultants to provide a Cost-of-Service Study (COSS) and a Rate Study to determine the necessity for revenue increases to cover rising costs and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, having determined that the COSS thus performed has indicated a shortfall in revenues and the necessity of a general rate increase and modification.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the Executive/Staff Summary describing this COSS and Rate Study and attached herein, and duly authorizes the General Manager to execute all documents associated with this transaction and to implement the new rate structure effective January 1, 2024.”

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

At 8:54 a.m. Mike Searcy, Guernsey Engineering Consultants left the board meeting.

At 9:25 a.m. Kasey Firth and Heather Newman left the board meeting.

At 9:40 a.m. Charles Jones, Resource Planning Engineer III, Arizona G&T Cooperatives Entered the board meeting via video conference.

Jones, Resource Planning Engineer III, Arizona G&T Cooperatives presented the Load Forecast presentation. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to approve the following resolution,

“WHEREAS, Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. is required by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to conduct a Load Forecast Study in order to obtain a better understanding of member-customer and kWh usage trends and historical information, and

WHEREAS, Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc., conducted a Load Forecast Study in a coordinated effort with Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the Load Forecast Study for 2023-2042 and authorizes the General Manager of Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. to execute documents associated with the Load Forecast Study and to forward the results to the Rural Utility Service.”

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

At 10:05 a.m. Charles Jones, Resource Planning Engineer III, Arizona G&T Cooperatives left the board meeting.

General Manager presented and discussed the Operations Building Contract. After discussion, Director Lauzier made a motion to move forward with the Operation Building Contract and construction. Director Silkotch seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Director Ainsworth abstained.

General Manager presented and discussed the Energy Center Final Purchase approval. After discussion, Director Silkotch Sr. made a motion to approve the Energy Center Final Purchase approval. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Government Relations Liaison presented and discussed the Hawaiian Electric’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan Under Scrutiny and the American Power System is Changing. How can Electricity Rates Keep UP?.

Government Relations Liaison presented and discussed Tariff and Business Rules Section 600. After discussion, Director Adams made a motion to approve Tariff and Business Rules Section 600. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Human Resources Director presented and discussed Employee Anniversaries 4th Quarter 2023, Employee Training Challenge, California Employment Legislation on the Horizon: A preview of 2024, Co-ops Overwhelm USDA with Project Proposals for \$9.7B New ERA Program and Grant and Efficiency Programs Update.

At 11:15 a.m. Sandy King, Engineering Supervisor left 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.

Member Services Manager presented and discussed Capital Credit Estate Settlements for R. Shirek in the amount of \$863.24. After discussion, Director Sieker made a motion to approve the Capital Credit Estate Settlements per Board Policy at 50% for a total disbursement in the amount of \$431.62. Director Lauzier seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

General Manager discussed changing the date for the November Board Meeting. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to set date for November 17, 2023 at 8 a.m.

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

At 11:47 a.m. Director Lauzier left the board meeting.

Operations Manager presented and discussed the safety meeting for the month of September, 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 September, and construction report. After discussion, Director Ainsworth made a motion to acknowledge the safety meeting for the month of September. Director Burdick seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

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

Director Burdick discussed General Manager's expenses for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$1,637.28. After discussion, Director Stewart made a motion to receive and file General Manager expenses for the month of September. Director Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

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

Director Adams	\$ 890.64
Director Ainsworth	\$ 1,373.11
Director Burdick	\$ 886.58

Director Lauzier	\$ 1,347.95
Director Sieker	\$ 900.99
Director Silkotch, Sr.	\$ 1,347.17
Director Stewart	\$ 1,396.11

After discussion, Director Sieker made a motion to receive and file Directors' expenses for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$8,142.55 combined total. Director Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Director Burdick presented and discussed expenditures for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$1,607,165.62. After discussion, Director Stewart made a motion to receive and file the expenditures as presented. Director Ainsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

President Stewart presented and discussed Bylaw and Policy Committee report. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to refer the following policies to the November Board meeting,

- * Policy No. 407 - "Drivers and Driver's License"
- * Policy No. 408 - "Safety Policy"
- * Policy No. 408.1 - "Environmental Compliance Policy"
- * Policy No. 408.2 - "Drug Prevention Policy and Procedures"
- * Policy No. 408.3 - "Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention"

Director Stewart reviewed Bylaw Article X.

Director Burdick and General Manager presented the AEPCO report.

General Manager presented and discussed the AEPCO Director Board compensation for the General Manager. Originally set at 50/50 to American Heart Association and Anza Thimble Club. After discussion, Director Silkotch, Sr. made a motion to donate 50% of American Heart Association's monthly donation to Anza Valley Community Hall. Director Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

General Manager presented and discussed the Golden State Power Cooperative Report and October 2023 Newsletter.

General Manager, Telecommunications Manager, Government Relations Liaison and Human Resources Manager discussed the Golden State Power Cooperative Annual Meeting from October 23-24, 2023.

General Manager presented and discussed the Golden State Power Cooperative Proposed 2024 Dues. After discussion, Director Ainsworth made a motion to approve the Proposed 2024 Dues. Director Sieker seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

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

General Manager, Telecommunications Manager, Government Relations Liaison and Human Resources Manager discussed the NRECA Region 7&9 Meetings from September 26-28, 2023.

President Stewart discussed donations report.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Secretary

ATTESTED:



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 October 26, 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 17th day of November 2023.



W.A. (Chilli) Ainsworth, Secretary