

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 3, 2021  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
<https://lpea.coop/broadband-committee>

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Broadband Committee Meeting of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held Thursday, June 3, 2021, via Zoom Webinar. Committee Chair, Kirsten Skeehan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Director Kirsten Skeehan, Committee Chair  
Director Holly Metzler  
Director Tim Wheeler  
Jessica Matlock, Chief Executive Officer  
Ryne Waggoner, Systems Engineering Manager

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Dan Harms, VP Grid Solutions  
Karl Ramsey, VP Finance  
Graham Smith, Board and Staff Attorney  
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Assistant  
Drew Timmerman, VP Information Technology

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

None

**COMMITTEE GUESTS**

Jason Cox, Archuleta County--Broadband Services Management Office (BSMO)  
Eric Hittle, Archuleta County--Broadband Services Management Office (BSMO)  
Jessica Zufolo, VP--Rural Broadband Strategy--Magellan Advisors, LLC

**WEBINAR ATTENDEES**

Natambu Obleton, Guinn Unger, and Miriam Gillow-Wiles.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Committee Chair Skeehan addressed the Thursday, June 3, 2021 Broadband Committee Meeting agenda.

**Motion:** Committee Member Waggoner moved to approve the Thursday, June 3, 2021 Broadband Committee Meeting agenda as amended. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Chair Skeehan addressed the May 4, 2021 Broadband Committee Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Committee Member Wheeler moved to approve the May 4, 2021 Broadband Committee minutes as amended. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **UPDATE FROM MAGELLAN CONSULTANTS ON FEASIBILITY STUDY – JESSICA ZUFOLO**

Committee guest Zufolo gave an update on the feasibility study. The update included stakeholder outreach, additional meetings with key officials, key macro-economic trends in the region, key observations, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds availability, what it means for LPEA and rural Colorado, and next steps. Zufolo took questions and suggestions from committee members and staff.

#### **UPDATE FROM ARCHULETA BROADBAND SERVICES MANAGEMENT OFFICE – JASON COX/ERIC HITTLE**

Committee guest Cox and Hittle gave an update on broadband services in Archuleta County. They have requested Archuleta Commissioners to utilize ARPA funds on broadband. They have also developed a 5–10-year strategic plan. Hittle displayed governmental fiber, LPEA fiber 2020, and the DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) phase I 2021, Phase II project and CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) on a GIS map. Cox and Hittle took questions from committee members and staff.

#### **CONEXON UPDATE – ADDED AGENDA ITEM**

Committee Chair Skeehan gave a brief update on Conexon and the RDOF auction.

#### **NEXT STEPS, AGENDA ITEMS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

The Broadband Committee will send a draft proposal before the next board meeting.

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the Broadband Committee Meeting of the La Plata Electric Association, Board of Directors adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Recorded by J. P. Thunstrom, and approved by:



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Kirsten Skeehan, Committee Chair