

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Committee of the Whole Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, June 17, 2019  
Durango, Colorado

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. was held Monday, June 17, 2019 at the headquarters building in Durango, Colorado. President Lynch called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., with the following Directors present:

Britt Bassett, Vice President	Bob Lynch, President	Kirsten Skeeahan
Dan Huntington	Kohler McInnis	Jack Turner
	Holly Metzler	Guinn Unger, Secretary
Joe Lewandowski	Davin Montoya	Tim Wheeler, Treasurer

**LPEA STAFF:**

Mike Dreyspring, Chief Executive Officer  
Rachel Gillman, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Ron Meier, Manager of Engineering and Member Relations  
Dan Harms, Manager of Rates, Technology, and Energy Policy  
Justin Talbot, Manager of Operations  
Jerry Wills, District Manager, Pagosa Springs  
Nadine Ontiveros, Manager of HR  
C. E. Charistopoulos, Executive Assistant  
Shay Denning, LPEA General Counsel

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Rachel Landis. Director Skeeahan arrived at 9:30 a.m.

**GUESTS** (from sign in sheet): The following guests were present: Kelly Hebbard.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: VENDOR CAPABILITY PRESENTATION AND AFFILIATE PRESENTATION**

**Motion:** Director McInnis moved to enter into executive session for the vendor and affiliate presentations. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

The Board remained in executive session from 9:15 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

**REVIEW OF COLORADO SB19-107**

CEO Dreyspring presented an overview of Colorado Senate Bill 2019-107 Broadband Infrastructure Installation. The bill, which becomes effective August 2, 2019, attempts to reduce

infrastructure costs by allowing commercial use of unlit fiber and electric transmission lines to deliver broadband into unserved and underserved communities, and potentially reducing the costs and time with the commercial lighting of broadband fiber. Dreyspring discussed applications, prohibitions, notice requirements to property owners, claim restrictions, and other details. LPEA is looking for certainty on how to apply the bill and will continue discussions during upcoming Board meetings. Dan Harms will present a strategic approach to SB2019-107 and communication plan during the Capital Project Budget Cycle.

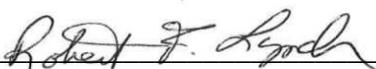
### **GOOGLE DOCS TRAINING**


Dan Harms advised the Board of Directors on utilization of Google Docs and took questions.

**TRI-STATE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Director Skeeahan touched on recent developments at Tri-State to move toward FERC regulation; and the decision to decline a proposal by Guzman Energy to purchase Tri-State coal assets, close the facilities, and provide an inexpensive mix of renewable energy sources back to Tri-State.

There being no further business, the LPEA Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Recorded by C.E. Charistopoulos, and approved by:

  
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Bob Lynch, President

  
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Guinn Unger, Secretary