

GVEA Member Advisory Committee
Minutes of the February 13, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Alison Carter.

- Roll Call: 18 MAC members were present.
- MAC in Attendance: Dan Beck, Brad Benson, Mike Bradley, Audrey Brown, Alison Carter, Dave Forstrom, Ben Gorman, Hollis Hall, Bob Hildebrandt, Terry Hinman, Russell Johnston, John Kelleher, Kerry Kirby, Angela Ritchie, Karm Singh, Richard Theilmann, Harmony Tomaszewski, Peter VanFlein, Enlow Walker.
- MAC Excused: Carol Lee Gho, Alyssa Norris
- Staff: Corinne Bradish, Public Relations Officer; Alex Olesen, ROW Maintenance Superintendent.
- Director: Rick Schikora, District 3.
- Visitors: none.

Agenda: Approved, without amendments.

Meeting Minutes: The January 9, 2019 minutes were approved without changes.

Safety Moment: Right-of-Way Reclearing safety

Visiting Member Comments: none

MAC member feedback from talking with members: Concerned that their electric rate has increased even though fuel portion has decreased; appreciate GVEA services of a mobile app to pay bills and outage map; would like GVEA's goal to reduce carbon emissions by 26% by 2030 to be 50%; passed along Healy 2 info regarding coal fuel prices being stable for long-term but GVEA still has to pay for this generation asset.

New Business and Current Topics:

- Ms. Bradish passed around a sign-up sheet for MAC members to present the MAC report at GVEA board meeting in 2019.
- Mr. Olesen, presented a PowerPoint on "Right-of-Way Reclearing 2018 Accomplishments and Stats."

Board Report: Director Schikora reported on several topics including: spotlighted various 2018 highlights (Eva Creek, BESS, employee 25 & 30 yr anniversaries and retirements, etc.); the addition of drones to fleet; finalized IBEW contract; GVEA seeks clarification on Qualifying Facility status of Eco Green Generation proposed project; GV staff participating in PM2.5 stakeholder meetings; GV hosted Alaska Power Assn annual meeting; Board revised its "Green Power Pledge" and set a Carbon Reduction Goal to reduce carbon emissions by 26% by 2030; board of directors held its annual retreat to review itself, CEO and attorney; GVEA's rate case was finalized with Healy 2 online and new rates went into effect Nov. 1, 2018.

Unfinished Business: none

MAC Roundtable: Feedback included: new rates affected each rate class differently and concern that residential members saw a rate increase compared to commercial members; request for an overview of how GV conducts a rate case; costs for all products are up and electricity rates are no different but members receive a reliable service; appreciate board access; due to PM2.5 concerns if GV is required to put "scrubbers" on its North Pole power plant smoke stacks could that money rather be spent to put "scrubbers" on residential smoke stacks; difficulty of keeping IBEW linemen in Alaska and not leaving for Lower 48 jobs; motion was made and tabled until March meeting to discuss the MAC writing a letter in protest of DNR charging GVEA and other utilities for wind generation on state land; good overall meeting.

Next MAC Meeting: March 13, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.