

**GOLDEN VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2019  
Fairbanks, Alaska**

	<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. was held in the Employee/Board Meeting Room in the Operations Building on December 16, 2019</p>
<b>PRESENT</b>	<p><b><u>Directors:</u></b> Tom DeLong, Chairman; Gary Newman, Vice Chairman; Bill Nordmark, Treasurer; John Sloan, Secretary; Rick Schikora; Chris Bunch and Dave Messier <i>(telephonically)</i>.</p> <p><b><u>GVEA Staff:</u></b> John Burns, Acting President &amp; CEO; Gary Betsill, Vice President Operations; Corinne Bradish, Public Relations Officer; Monica Grassi, Vice President Member Services; Bill Kirkenir, Vice President Strategic Development; Frank Perkins, Vice President Power Supply; Leo Quiachon, Vice President Engineering; Susan Redlin, Executive Administrative Assistant; Pete Sarauer, Power Systems Manager; Cori Taylor, Administrative Assistant and Ron Woolf, Vice President Finance &amp; CFO.</p> <p><b><u>Senator Sullivan's Office:</u></b> Greg Bringhurst.</p> <p><b><u>Governor Dunleavy's Office:</u></b> Jim Sackett.</p> <p><b><u>Interior Delegation:</u></b> Representatives Hopkins, LeBon, Thompson, Wilson and Wool.</p> <p><b><u>Legislative Aides:</u></b> Joe Byrnes and Anne Rittgers, Representative LeBon's Office; Ashley Carrick, Representative Wool's Office; Robin O'Donoghue, Senator Kawasaki's Office; and Seth Whitten, Representative's Thompson Office.</p> <p><b><u>Members:</u></b> District 2: Richard Theilmann. District 3: Alison Carter. District 6: Linda Sloan.</p> <p><b><u>Guests:</u></b> Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director - Alaska Power Assn.</p>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<p>Chairman DeLong called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.</p>
<b>SAFETY BRIEFING</b>	<p>Mr. Burns detailed the emergency exist routes in the Employee/Board Meeting Room and Operations Building.</p>

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<b>LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING</b>	<p>Mr. Burns provided a PowerPoint overview of projects and issues that GVEA has been working on during 2019. The legislators asked several questions, which Mr. Burns and the Executive Management Team answered.</p> <p>The briefing ended at 5:57 p.m.</p> <p>At 5:58 p.m., Chairman DeLong declared a short break.</p> <p>At approximately 6:08 p.m., the legislators, legislative aides and most of the GVEA employees departed the meeting.</p>
<b>RECONVENE THE MEETING</b>	<p>At 6:09 p.m., Chairman DeLong reconvened the meeting.</p>
<b>SAFETY MOMENT</b>	<p>Mr. Nordmark spoke about ice on the ground and provided safety tips to avoid slips and falls, including how to break a fall.</p>
<b>MEMBER COMMENTS</b>	<p>Representative Wilson thanked GVEA for supporting the community efforts to launch a pilot program to install and test 40 electrostatic precipitators (ESPs) in woodstove smokestacks along Hurst and Mission Road in North Pole.</p> <p>Mr. Theilmann commented positively on the December 11, 2019 MAC meeting. He also spoke about the need to improve communications with members on rate increases and also about the challenges of integrating additional renewables into to GVEA's system.</p> <p>Ms. Enkvist thanked GVEA for its leadership and support of the Alaska Power Association (APA). She also gave an update on upcoming meetings, events and legislative activities that APA will pursue in 2020.</p> <p>Ms. Carter commented on the ESP pilot program; the recent Fairbanks Daily News Miner's article regarding the rate increase; time-of-use notifications to members; and on the recent grant from the Goodcents Foundation to Green Star.</p>
<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</b>	<p>Mr. Sloan moved to approve the Agenda and adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nordmark seconded the motion. Mr. Newman requested that the Agenda be amended to include an Annual Meeting Committee Report. Following discussion, the motion to approve the amended Agenda and Consent Agenda passed.</p>

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<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)</b></p>	<p>The Consent Agenda included the review of the Safety Officer's November 2019 Report and approval of the November 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.</p>
<p><b>REVIEW OF THE 2019 RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE REPORT</b></p>	<p>Mr. Betsill provided an overview of GVEA's 2019 Right-of-Way Maintenance clearing efforts and answered questions from the board relating to the Right-of-Way Maintenance Report that was included in the board packet.</p> <p>Mr. Newman moved to let the record reflect that the board reviewed the 2019 Right-of-Way Maintenance Report. Mr. Bunch seconded the motion; the motion passed.</p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE GOOD¢ENTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p>	<p>Mr. Schikora moved to appoint Paula Newton to Seat C and Heather Lambert to Seat E on the Good¢ents Board of Trustees. Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed.</p>
<p><b>APPOINT A GVEA BOARD MEMBER TO THE GOOD¢ENTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p>	<p>Mr. Schikora moved to appoint Mr. DeLong to serve as GVEA's Board representative on the Good¢ents Board of Trustees for a one-year term. Mr. Newman seconded the motion; the motion passed.</p>
<p><b>ONGOING REPORTS</b></p>	<p><b>ALASKA POWER ASSOCIATION</b> - Mr. Sloan reported on the 2019 APA December Meeting Series that was held in Anchorage on December 4 and 5, 2019.</p> <p><b>ARECA EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT</b> – Mr. Sloan reported on the ARECA Education Foundation Meeting that was held on December 5, 2019.</p> <p><b>ARECA INSURANCE EXCHANGE</b> – Mr. Schikora reported on the ARECA Insurance Exchange Meeting that was held on December 5, 2019. He also reported that he will be attending the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange board meeting in February 2020.</p> <p><b>ARCTEC</b> – Mr. DeLong reported that it is expected that all six Railbelt utilities will have signed the Railbelt Reliability Council Memorandum of Understanding as of December 17, 2019.</p>

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<p><b>ONGOING REPORTS (Continued)</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD CALENDAR</b> – The board reviewed its calendar for 2020.</p> <p>Chairman DeLong reported that he will be contacting each board member individually to approve travel for 2020 and will limit travel to two out-of-state conferences/educational opportunities.</p> <p>Chairman DeLong will also be asking each board member to submit strategic issues that they believe should be addressed at the upcoming strategic planning meeting in July 2020.</p> <p><b>ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT</b> – Mr. Newman reported that the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on May 7 and that the Annual Meeting Committee will be meeting in January/February 2020 to begin planning for the Annual Meeting.</p>
<p><b>MANAGEMENT REPORTS MANAGEMENT REPORTS</b></p>	<p><b>CEO REPORT</b> – Mr. Burns provided updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Power Plant.</li> <li>• The status of the ESP Pilot Program.</li> <li>• The loss of Bradley Lake Hydro Power.</li> <li>• The December 11, 2019 MAC Meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b> – Progress Reports, used for management purposes, were include in the board packet.</p>
<p><b>DIRECTOR COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>Mr. Messier inquired about a fact sheet for MAC members with GVEA's facts and common Q &amp; A questions.</p> <p>Mr. Newman reported on the recent passing of GVEA member, Nancy Kuhn. He also reported that he was approached to serve on NRECA Directors' Advisor Group. He will report back to the board regarding this request. He also submitted historical information for the board packet.</p> <p>Mr. Sloan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.</p> <p>Mr. Bunch also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and inquired about trainings being provided by the IBEW for new IBEW apprentices.</p> <p>Mr. Schikora encouraged board members to contribute to GVEA's 2019 United Way Campaign and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.</p> <p>Mr. Nordmark wished everyone happy holidays and requested that succession planning be added to the 2020 strategic planning agenda.</p>

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<b>DIRECTOR COMMENTS (Continued)</b>	Chairman DeLong commented on an article in the December 2019 RE Magazine entitled "10 Technologies That Enable the Evolving Grid."
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	At 7:53 p.m., without objection, Chairman DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.

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Tom DeLong, Chairman

  
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John Sloan, Secretary

  
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Susan K. Redlin, Recording Secretary