

**GVEA Member Advisory Committee**  
Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Meeting

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

- Roll Call: 10 MAC members were present.
- MAC in Attendance: Alison Carter, Jim Carter, LJ Evans, Greg Garrels, Hollis Hall, Terry Hinman, Nancy Hummel, Heidi Titchenal, Peter Van Flein, Enlow Walker, and Gary Woody.
- MAC Excused: Lynnmarie Braddock, Audrey Brown, Ryan Juszczak, Roger Kermes, Andrew McDonnell, Lourdes "Des" Petty, and Gary Woody.
- MAC Absent: David Forstrom, Paul Tritt, and Brittnie Welsh.
- Staff: Corinne Bradish, Public Relations Officer, and Julie Karl, Land Management Supervisor.
- Directors: Rick Schikora, District 3.
- Visitors: Odin Miller, and Phoebe Rohrbacher.

**Safety Moment:** Reminder about outdoor electrical safety.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved without amendments.

**Meeting Minutes:** The December 14, 2016, minutes were approved without changes.

**Visiting Member Comments:** Odin Miller, of Jones Road, commented on a Fairbanks Climate Action Group in favor of solar and encouraged other renewables and smart metering.

**Board Report:** Director Schikora gave a report of what the Board has been working on, including updates on the legislative briefing, Mike Kelly's passing, Christmas parties, December's power outage, a switch to timed LED's in the main parking lot, United Way campaign by employees, anniversary of Bradley Lake hydro, John Burns now GVEA's in-house, legal counsel, currently two VP positions being advertised, and Healy 2.

**Unfinished Business:** Ms. Bradish circulated a sign-up sheet seeking volunteers to present MAC reports at upcoming monthly GVEA Board meetings.

**New Business and Current Topics:**

- Ms. Karl gave a detailed presentation on right-of-way easements.
- Ms. Bradish presented 2016 highlights on right-of-way reclearing.
- The Goodcents Bylaw review was moved to next month.
- The MAC reviewed its unexcused absence policy.
- Ms. Bradish reported on the Goodcents trustee new applicant procedures, in place of Ms. Welsh.

**MAC Member Comments:** Messrs. Garrels and Hinman gave their oppositions to a solar farm owned by GVEA and Mr. Hall agreed. Ms. Bradish will inform MAC of upcoming CCHRC classes sponsored by GVEA. Mr. Van Flein encouraged GVEA to keep a long-term outlook on renewables without foolish ventures as the cost of solar is declining. He also reminded members that GVEA will roll back service drops so members can safely clear trees on their property. He also encouraged GVEA to reinstall BusinessSense rebates so small businesses can change over to energy efficient LED lights.

**Next MAC Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.