



**OVERTON POWER DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD MEETING**

April 17, 2024

3:00 P.M.

Mesquite, Nevada

PRESENT:

Mrs. Judy Metz, Chair

Mr. Mike Young, Secretary / Treasurer

Mr. Robert Bunker, Trustee

Mr. Chad Leavitt, Trustee

Mr. Richard Jones, Trustee

Mr. Dale Rust, Trustee

Mr. Byron Mills, Attorney

Mr. Mendis Cooper, General Manager

Mr. Scott Fullman, Administrative Services Manager

Mr. Randall Ozaki, Engineering Services Manager

Mrs. MeLisa Garcia, Financial Services Manager

Mr. Corey Dalley, Line Operations Manager

Mrs. Becky LaGrow, Executive Assistant

Mr. Shane Robison, Substation Operations Supervisor

ABSENT:

Mr. Jack Nelson, Vice Chair

Mr. Keven Hansen, Substation Operations Manager

Note: The minutes of this meeting have been tape-recorded and will remain on file in the OPD5's main office for a period of one year for public examination.

A. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Judy Metz called the meeting of the Overton Power District No. 5 Board of Trustees to order. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Young and seconded by Mr. Dale Rust to accept the OPD5 agenda as posted. The Board voted six (6) ayes and (0) nays in approval.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Young and seconded by Mr. Robert Bunker to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 Board Meeting. The Board voted six (6) ayes and (0) nays in approval.

E. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mrs. Judy Metz reported she attended the safety demonstration at the Clark County Fair and thought the team did an excellent job.

F. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Byron Mills had no report at this time.

G. MANAGER'S REPORTS

Administrative Services

Mr. Scott Fullman reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Cyber Security Training* – 100% Participation by employees in March.
- 💡 *Information Technology* – This month one employee clicked an internal spam email. Shown were two examples of phishing emails that went out to employees.
- 💡 *Servers* – All servers were up and running 100% of the time in March. All servers were successfully backed up and stored offsite in March. There was a slight glitch when the firewall was updated, but the system has been repaired and backup is at 100% again.
- 💡 *Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC)* – offers quality analysis and security information sharing in real time. This helps to mitigate complex and constantly evolving threats to the grid. Sixty (60) e-mails were reviewed this month by IT and the General Manager.
- 💡 *Payment Card Industry (PCI)* – The annual PCI compliance review was completed in March.

Engineering Services

Mr. Randall Ozaki reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Reid Gardner 230 kV Line* – The contractor has requested a planned outage on the 138kV line the first week of May and is scheduled to have the project completed by the end of May.
- 💡 *Tortoise – Gila 138 kV Line* – The contractor has completed collecting samples for the soils report. This report will determine the size of the steel pole foundations.
- 💡 *Raptor Substation* – The gates have been installed. We are currently waiting for the foundation drawings.
- 💡 *Long Drive Switchyard* – The retaining wall footings are ready for concrete. Work on the block wall will begin in the next couple of weeks.
- 💡 *Long Drive to Raptor 138 kV Line* – The plans have been finalized and the final bill of materials will be available by the end of April. All the long lead time items have been ordered and the project is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2025.

Line Operations

Mr. Corey Dalley reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Hook-ups* –
 - 💡 March – thirty-nine (39) residential and nine (9) commercial hookups.
 - 💡 Year-to-Date – One hundred fifty-six (156) total hook-ups for 2024
- 💡 *Line Locates & Inspections*
 - 💡 March Locates – Two hundred fifty-six (256)
 - 💡 March Inspections – One hundred thirteen (113)
 - 💡 March System Audits – Six hundred seventy-six (676)
- 💡 *Outages*
 - 💡 *March 2024*
 - 💡 There were five (17) planned outages for maintenance. There were eight (8) unplanned outage for the month.
 - 💡 The unplanned outages affected eight hundred fifty-seven (857) customers for approximately two thousand one hundred seventy-eight (2,178) customer hours.
 - 💡 In the month of March , OPD5 customers had power for 99.984% of the time.
- 💡 *Safety*
 - 💡 *March Safety Topic* – Enclosed Space / Vault Rescue & Accident Investigation Training
 - 💡 *Since Last Lost Time Accident* – Six (6) years, six (6) months, four (4) days
 - 💡 *Intermountain Power Superintendents Association (IPSA)* – OPD5 received a safety award for 70,000 hours with no lost time accident from the IPSA organization
- 💡 *Jobs:* In addition to their many jobs this month, the crews worked on:
 - 💡 *Bunkerville* – There was a housefire in Bunkerville. Before it was put out, the pole caught fire and the secondary lines were damaged.
 - 💡 *Pole Changes* – A contractor used a helicopter to change the two wooden poles to ductile poles due to the terrain on the Mormon Mesa Microwave Line
 - 💡 *Safety Trailer* – The trailer was used to show the importance of electrical safety at the Clark County Fair. We hope to be invited back again in the future.

SCADA & Substation Operations

Mr. Shane Robison reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Substation Inspection* – During routine inspection, the Sub Ops crew found hotspots on the connections above the voltage regulators at Bunkerville Substation. The conductors were replaced, These repairs were crucial in preventing a future outage.
- 💡 *Oil Dielectric Testing* – Annual testing of the oil in the voltage regulators is being conducted. To date, all regulators have passed inspection.
- 💡 *69 kV Switch* – A Customer noticed a switch arcing at Tortoise substation. The switch was replaced without any issues before an outage occurred.

General Manager

Mr. Mendis Cooper reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Purchase Powser Agreement (PPA)* – A significant amount of time has been spent on procuring a new Purchase Powser Agreement.

- 💡 *CREDA* – The meeting was held at the Platte River Power Authority in Ft. Collins, CO. Among the items discussed were Federal legislative bills, Western Area Power Association (WAPA) update, Bureau of Reclamation water level update and damage to bypass tunnels at Glen Canyon Dam.
- 💡 *Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN)* – A workshop was held to discuss the energy market that needs to be in place by 2030. They are mostly interested in NV Energy, who seem to be leaning towards California Independent System Operators (CAISO) and the day-ahead market.
- 💡 *Colorado River Commission (CRC)* –Melisa and Jonanthan and Mendis attended the CRC Board Meeting & the retirement of Mr. Bob Reese, who has been a long-time friend of OPD5. Work also continues on the Joint Action Agency.
- 💡 *Clark County Meeting* – Commissioner Kirkpatrick is working on a Moapa Overlay for Rural Development Standards. Representatives from the Water & the Fire Districts were also present. It was an opportunity to voice concerns.
- 💡 *National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)* – The legislative conference is coming up and it will be a great opportunity to meet with staffers and discuss reliability, hydropower, and renewables.

Financial Services

Mrs. MeLisa Garcia reported the financial report for March 2024, a copy of which is on file.

H. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT BY HAFEN, BUCKNER, EVERETT & GRAFF

The accounting firm of Hafen, Buckner, Everett and Graff conducted the audit of OPD5's 2023 financial data. A presentation of their findings was given by Mr. Nate Bybee as Mr. Kevin Jones was unable to attend. Mr. Jones did send his appreciation to staff as they have short response times and are great to work with.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Chad Leavitt and seconded by Mr. Mike Young to accept the annual audit report from Hafen, Buckner, Everett, and Graff as presented. The Board voted six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays in approval.

I. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A NEW PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT

OPD5 currently has a purchase power agreement (PPA) with Morgan Stanley Commodities Group (MSCG). The PPA started in June 2016 and the term of the PPA ends January 1, 2025. Over the past 12 months, staff worked with MSCG and other power providers regarding a new PPA starting on January 1, 2025. These discussions and negotiations led staff to Tenaska Power Services (TPS). TPS provided the best pricing and has a history of collaborating with Nevada customers, including the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and provides services that OPD5 needs in the energy marketplace.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Mike Young and seconded by Mr. Dale Rust to authorize the General Manager / CEO to execute the three-year contract with edits with Tenaska Power Services providing the market price is eighty-eight dollars (\$88.00) or lower as presented. The Board voted five (5) ayes and one (1) nay by Mr. Bob Bunker. The motion passes.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

K. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Young thanked staff for doing a great job negotiating the new purchase power agreement

Mr. Bob Bunker thanked staff for finalizing the contract even though he wished for a five-year term.

L. APPROVAL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Leavitt and seconded by Mr. Mike Young to approve Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as the next Board Meeting date. The meeting will be held in the Overton Board Room at 3:00 p.m. The Board voted six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays in approval.

M. EXECUTIVE – CLOSED DOOR SESSION

A motion was made to enter Executive Session

A motion was made to exit Executive Session

N. ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:45 P.M.

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary / Treasurer