

# GVEA Member Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Meeting 03/10/21 (send to pr@gvea.com)

The meeting was called to order at 03/10/21 6:35 p.m. by chair Richard Theilmann

**MAC in Attendance:** (Teams Virtual Meeting) The roll call was taken. A = Absent E = Excused P = Present

A Dan Beck	E Korene Long
P Mike Bradley	P Matthew Mund
P Audrey Brown (audio)	E Alyssa Norris
P Alison Carter	P Bobbie Ortiz
P Carol Colp (audio)	P Angela Richie
P Carol-Lee Gho	P Rodney Rutherford
P Ben Gorman	P Karm Singh (audio only)
P Anita Hartman	P Richard Theilmann
P Bob Hildebrant	P Harmony Tomaszewski
P Terry Hinman (audio)	P Enlow Walker
P Russell Johnston	
P John Kelleher	
P Benjamin Loeffler	

9 call in total of 27 signed in

GVEA staff present (from agenda): Meadow Bailey, Abigail Dillard, Kathryn Strle, Josh Parsons

Board Members present (from agenda): Gary Newman

Visiting Members present (list names): Jim Schwarber, Kathy Walling

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

**The minutes from the last meeting were approved: without corrections.**

**Safety Moment Topic:** Meadow Bailey- Ladder safety, safe heights, environment, proper use

**FOR ALL SECTIONS BELOW – LIST PERSON SPEAKING AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TOPICS COVERED (not verbatim)**

Bobbie will be Monday, March 22 representative to the board meeting. Possibly have meadow email dates so that new people have an opportunity to plan.

**Visiting Member Comments: (3 min. limit ea.)** Kathy Walling: Thank you to members for working on the on-bill creation. She was contacted by Clean Energy Works and was able to share information with them about GVEA. They offered to do a review of the program. She encourages working with Clean Energy Works. Jim Schwarber: member from dist. 4 supporting on-bill financing program, he supports Kathy Walling's previous statement to take advantage of other people's expertise.

**New Business Topic (from agenda):**

Meadow Bailey: April 12: Linemen Appreciation Day! Line-worker Update Josh Parsons: 15 yr exp. Lineman fix outages and preform investigations for causes. Mr. Parsons showed pictures and explained situations about past issues. He mentioned safety issues. Members are strongly encouraged to contact GVEA about lines on trees and other hazards. Safety to our member-owners is a huge concern. Members please help line-workers by: keeping Right-of-way clear, keeping a visible home address, having a transfer switch to a generator.

Update from On-Bill – Alison Carter: There is room for 1-2 new members if willing to read and catch up. They need a board member to be present at the meetings to help clarify directions.

**Board Report topics covered (not verbatim – list topics covered):**

Gary Newman: District 4 Director There are many different groups and committees that the directors participate in. Railbelt Reliability Council, Alaska Power Associative, Railbelt Issues Forum, National Director Group, Scholarship Committee. There was a 2-day Board member retreat in February. This was completed virtually. The board voted to buy into more of the water storage through Bradley Hydro Power and this will provide 7 mega watts of extra hydro power. The annual meeting date has been approved and plans have started. Bad Debt report and Benevolent Fund were discussed at the last director meeting. Meetings were held with individual legislators about GVEA and power. Questions: Audrey; the benevolent fund needs to be accessible without internet.

**Unfinished Business:** internet access availability acknowledged delta kiosk: follow up with explanations, also follow up with opening up for accessibility

**MAC Roundtable:** What happened in Texas may be a good conversation to have as it could be concerning here. Thank you to Mr. Parsons for the presentation and to the lineman working for GVEA. Thank you to all employees. Increase solar farm and wind creeks. Thank you to Gary Newman for presentation. Do we have a federal/legislative coordinating person/lobbyist? Thank you for taking steps to get back to opening offices and meeting in person. Please be aware that people are talking a lot on social media and are concerned about new wind turbines and how this will increase the costs of electricity. Costs are high for electricity and people are being very vocal on many sites. Thank you for listening to MAC comments and concerns.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm**