

GVEA Member Advisory Committee
Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair, Heidi Titchenal.

- Roll Call: 15 MAC members were present.
- MAC in Attendance: Alison Carter, Jim Carter, LJ Evans, David Forstrom, Greg Garrels, Hollis Hall, Terry Hinman, Nancy Hummel, Ryan Juszczak, Roger Kermes, Heidi Titchenal, Paul Tritt, Peter Van Flein, Enlow Walker, and Gary Woody.
- MAC Excused: Lynnmarie Braddock, Audrey Brown, Lourdes “Des” Petty, and Brittne Welsh.
- MAC Absent: Andrew McDonnell.
- Staff: Corinne Bradish, Public Relations Officer, Kelley Bergener, Member Services Manager, and Sheena Stricker, Member Services Supervisor.
- Directors: Tom DeLong, District 2.
- Visitors: Gerry Carter, Salcha.

Safety Moment: Reminder about snow removal safety.

Agenda: The agenda was approved without amendments.

Meeting Minutes: The January 11, 2017, minutes were approved without changes.

Visiting Member Comments: None.

Board Report: Director DeLong gave a report of what the Board has been working on, including updates on scholarships and Goodcents, capital credit refunds, outage management system, mobile app, Healy 2’s puff event, the rate case, and an RFP for a 1 to 2 MGW solar project for which a \$230k Federal grant is possible. He also reminded everyone that GVEA owns 16.9% of Bradley Lake’s hydro power.

Unfinished Business: Presentation of a summary of the Goodcents’ Bylaw Review was moved to the next meeting.

New Business and Current Topics:

- Ms. Stricker gave a detailed presentation on how GVEA’s Service Reps respond and assist members with high bill inquiries.

MAC Member Comments: Mr. Garrels asked if GVEA could possibly have a claim against the engineering firm that designed the problem area at Healy 2. Mr. DeLong replied that GVEA purchased the plant and its one-of-a-kind technology “as-is”. Mr. Garrels inquired as to the cost of a solar RFP and if a cost/benefit analysis was in process. Ms. Carter commented she appreciates a long-term view of solar and initially starting out with a small project. Mr. Hinman moved to dedicate an entire MAC Meeting to solar. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and moved to amend, to include hydro. The motion was approved as amended and passed. Ms. Bradish will coordinate the meeting. Mr. Hall asked if there was a budgeted R&D. Mr. DeLong replied he didn’t think so.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.