# Board of Directors Meeting Piedmont Municipal Power Agency

# January 26, 2023 Greer, South Carolina

VOTING
DIRECTORS
PRESENT:

Blake Stone Abbeville Tom Brooks Clinton Joel Ledbetter Easley Donnie Hardin Gaffney Mike Richard Greer John Young Laurens Tim Baker Newberry Jimmy Bagley Rock Hill Joe Nichols Union Kevin Bronson Westminster

### **OTHERS:**

Tim Hall Abbeville Ronnie Roth Clinton Andy Sevic Easley Cory Cox Gaffney Marc Regier Greer Keith Wood Laurens Foster Senn \* Newberry David Vehaun Rock Hill Lance Davis Union Brian Ramey Westminster Andy Butcher **PMPA** Tracy Quinn **PMPA** JulieAnne London **PMPA** Scotty Griffin **PMPA** Kenny Bradley **PMPA** Mike Frazier **PMPA** Dennis Cameron **PMPA** Gary Brunault \* GDS Associates, Inc. Rion Foley Burr Forman

\* Virtual Attendance

Andrea Kelley \*

Tom Gressette \*

Mark White \*

### Call to Order

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order.

# Good News Around PMPA

Mayor Senn stated it is a meeting philosophy that meetings should start with good news, and positive news can make for good feelings. This type of presentation is used on another board the mayor serves on, and he thought it would be good for PMPA.

Walker Gressette Linton

Spencer & Spencer

The Journal

Chairman Stone reviewed the Good News Around PMPA presentation and commented on things happening in the ten cities.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the

minutes of December 15, 2022, as submitted.

Approved unanimously.

**Financial Report** 

A motion was made by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to accept the

Financial Report of December 2022, as submitted.

Approved unanimously.

Election of 2023 Officers & Executive Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Bagley, to appoint the following Officers & Executive Committee for 2023 as follows:

# **Officers**

Chairman

Joe Nichols

Vice-Chairman

Tim Baker

Secretary

Andy Butcher Tracy Quinn

Assistant Secretary Treasurer

JulieAnne London

Assistant Treasurer

Lynn Price

# **Executive Committee**

Joe Nichols - Chairman

Tim Baker – Vice Chairman

Blake Stone – Immediate Past Chairman

Jimmy Bagley

Joel Ledbetter

Motion failed 4 to 6 with Messers. Stone, Brooks, Ledbetter, Hardin, Young, and Baker dissenting.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hardin, to appoint the following Officers & Executive Committee for 2023 as follows:

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### **Executive Committee**

Blake Stone – Chairman Tim Baker – Vice Chairman Joel Ledbetter – Immediate Past Chairman Tom Brooks Donnie Hardin

Motion passed 6 to 4 with Messers. Richard, Bagley, Nichols, and Bronson dissenting.

# Approval of General Manager's Contract Addendum

A motion was made by Mr. Hardin, second by Mr. Young, to approve the General Manager's Contract Addendum that was submitted to the Board before the meeting.

Mr. Foley was asked and confirmed that he had reviewed the contract addendum.

Mr. Bronson stated that he would be voting against the General Manager's Contract Addendum due to his concerns about his performance inconsistencies and inaccuracies.

Mr. Bagley expressed he was disappointed in the contract and didn't feel that the Board had reached a consensus in a previous Executive Session, and his attorney had not had time to review the contract.

Mr. Bagley also said he had concerns about the performance. He suggested that the Board consider tabling approval of the contract addendum and raise for the General Manager until the lawsuit is done.

Mr. Nichols asked who asked for the contract addendum and who asked for the raise. Mr. Cox stated that the raise reflects what the other staff received. Mr. Hardin said that the Board had approved the raise that was included in the budget when it was adopted.

Mr. Richard stated that he does not agree with the evergreen or the extension language in the contract addendum. His concern was if a transition were needed and the General Manager gave a one-day notice, he would be paid for his accrued time. He felt there needed to be a notice requirement for the General Manager to be able to be paid for the accrued time.

Mr. Nichols said he could agree to a contract extension but not a merit raise. He expressed his concerns about the amount spent on litigation expenses.

Mr. Brooks stated that he would like to have the general manager give a ninety-day resignation notice to receive his leave time. Mr. Baker agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Baker, to modify the original motion to require a ninety-day resignation notice to receive accrued leave time to be added to the General Manager's Contract Addendum.

Motion passed 6 to 4 with Messers, Richard, Bagley, Nichols, and Mr. Bronson dissenting.

The original motion made by Mr. Hardin, seconded by Mr. Young, as amended, then passed 6 to 4 with Messers, Richard, Bagley, Nichols, and Mr. Bronson dissenting.

# Authorize PMPA staff to pursue determining the fair market value of the Catawba asset

Mr. Richard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagley, to authorize the staff to receive quotes to pursue determining the fair market value of the Catawba asset.

Motion carried 6 to 4 with Messers. Stone, Ledbetter, Hardin, and Young dissenting.

# Reports

### Engineering

The standard engineering reports for December were included in the agenda package.

Mr. Vehaun asked Mr. Butcher to explain the blackouts and the communication process with Duke.

Mr. Frazier stated that he would be in touch with the Members that have requested that PMPA handle their RECs from SEPA.

#### Catawba

The Catawba and McGuire report was included in the agenda package. Mr. Cameron also discussed upcoming outages.

#### Finance

Ms. London advised the Board that the staff has received the final Private Use Model and is in the process of evaluating and reviewing the model.

Ms. London also advised the Board that copies of the slide used at the December Meeting regarding Defeasance for Catawaba would be available after the meeting.

#### Legislative

Mr. Griffin advised the Board of current legislative issues.

### Management

Mr. Butcher advised the Board that Representative Jeff Duncan had been named Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security.

# Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

Mr. Bagley inquired about the NDA that a board member will need to sign to receive a letter. Mr. Butcher stated those letters will be available to any board member today for those that sign the NDA.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Andy Butcher

General Manager/Secretary