

*Board of Directors Meeting
Piedmont Municipal Power Agency*

*March 23, 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:

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
Andrea Kelley *	The Journal
Tom Gressette *	Walker Gressette Linton
Mark White *	Spencer & Spencer
Lacy Grimm	Cherry Bekaert
Brandon Finn	Cherry Bekaert

* Virtual Attendance

Call to Order

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order.

**Good News Around
PMPA**

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

2022 Audit Report

Mr. Brandon Finn of Cherry Bekaert presented the 2022 Audit Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Ledbetter, seconded by Mr. Young, to accept the Audit Report as submitted.
Approved unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes** Due to clarification requested to the draft January 26, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes, the Board agreed to place them on the April Agenda.
- Financial Report** A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Young, to accept the Financial Reports of January 2023 and February 2023, as submitted. Approved unanimously.
- 2025 Power Conference** A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Baker, to hold the 2025 Power Conference at Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC, from Thursday, July 10, to Sunday, July 13, 2025. Motion passed 9 to 1, with Mr. Richard dissenting.
- Public Relations Firm** Information was included in the Agenda from two public relations firms. The Board discussed the presentations and expectations.
- A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the staff to contract with Smoak Public Relations not to exceed \$6,000 per month for a one-year term.
- Mr. Vehaun asked that the company set benchmark expectations. Mr. Butcher stated that he would have a representative from the company attend a future Board Meeting to review their plan.
- Motion passed 6 to 4 with Messers. Richard, Bagley, Nichols, and Ramey dissenting.
- Discussion and Approval Directing PMPA to Prepare a Catawba Contract Extension** Mr. Ledbetter requested that the Board prepare a Draft Catawba Project Power Sales Agreement Extension to be negotiated.
- A motion was made by Mr. Ledbetter, seconded by Mr. Hardin, requesting that a PMPA draft a Catawba Project Power Sales Agreement Extension that succeeds the existing agreement they are in for negotiations. Motion passed 9 to 1, with Mr. Richard dissenting.
- Reports** Engineering
The standard engineering reports for January and February were included in the agenda package.
- Mr. Frazier stated that several Members were not using the Apogee program on their websites, and he would contact the ones not using it about adding it to their websites.
- Mr. Frazier briefly discussed the RECs received from SEPA and stated that a meeting would be scheduled for those who asked PMPA to manage the process for them.

Mr. Frazier also stated that he had received a quote from Burns & McDonnell about the cost-production model for \$69,000, and it would be \$25,000 to update the following year. He also stated that there would be a charge for each requested run.

Catawba

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

Legislative

Mr. Griffin advised the Board of current legislative issues.

Management

Mr. Butcher discussed the upcoming PMPA Power Conference, APPA National Conference, and visits to the Members from Thompson Colburn in April.

Executive Session

Chairman Stone requested that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss Contractual Negotiations Re: Supplemental Power Supply Agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Ledbetter, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to enter Executive Session pursuant to Chairman Stone's request.
Approved unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Bagley, seconded by Mr. Hardin, to exit Executive Session.
Approved unanimously.

The Board returned to Public Session.

Private Use Model

Ms. London reviewed Private Use and discussed various the Private Use Model results included in the Agenda.

**Member Requested
Discussion of a Future
PPA**

Mr. Bagley stated that he had talked with people at Santee Cooper, and they have an RFQ looking to purchase capacity. He indicated there could be some interest in Santee Cooper taking some of PMPA's capacity and could start in January 2024.

Mr. Bagley also stated that Santee Cooper hinted at relieving some of the supplemental requirements PMPA has today and possibly looking at discussing various options and working something out long-term, maybe this could meet Santee Cooper's needs and relieve PMPA pressures.

Mr. Butcher indicated that PMPA does not have excess capacity at this point, and the capacity sold would have to be replaced. There may be excess energy but not capacity.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Frazier briefly discussed offers previously offered to Santee Cooper.

The Board directed the staff to reach back out to Santee Cooper again regarding opening the discussion regarding various energy and capacity options.

**Participant Discussion
and Other Business**

Mr. Baker noted the Public Power Current article on March 21 regarding Nuclear Tax Credits and asked that the staff keep a close eye on it.

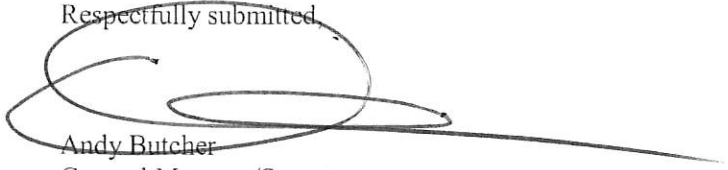
Mr. Brooks stated he is currently working on the city budget and was asking about the pay range for a lineman. He asked if it were possible to have a compensation survey.

Chairman Stone stated there had been a request to have the minutes and agendas posted to the PMPA Website.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Andy Butcher
General Manager/Secretary