

Regular meeting minutes of the board of directors

2000 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, CO
Thursday, March 25, 2021

Attendance

Board members via Zoom Webinar

Representing Estes Park: Mayor Wendy Koenig and Reuben Bergsten
Representing Fort Collins: Mayor Wade Troxell¹ and Ross Cunniff
Representing Longmont: David Hornbacher and Mayor Brian Bagley²
Representing Loveland: Mayor Jacki Marsh and Joe Bernosky

Platte River staff via Zoom Webinar

Jason Frisbie (general manager/CEO)
Sarah Leonard (general counsel)
Dave Smalley (chief financial officer and deputy general manager)
Alyssa Clemsen Roberts (chief strategy officer)
Angela Walsh (executive assistant/board secretary)
Kaitlyn McCarty (executive assistant – finance and IT)
Libby Clark (director of human resources and safety)
Paul Davis (energy solutions manager)

Guests via Zoom Webinar

none

Call to order

Chair Troxell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of board members was present via roll call, with Chair Troxell present in person while all others attending virtually. The meeting, having been duly convened, proceeded with the business on the agenda. Chair Troxell announced that the Platte River staff continues to keep the board, staff and public safe by hosting a virtual meeting following CDC guidelines.

Action items

1. Consent agenda

- a. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of Feb. 25, 2021

Director Koenig moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Bernosky seconded. The motion carried 7-0 via roll call vote.

¹ Attended in person.

² Joined via phone at 9:08 a.m.

Public comment

Chair Troxell opened the public comment section by reading instructions noting that time to accommodate each speaker will be divided equitably by the number of callers wishing to speak at the start of public comment. No members of the public addressed the board.

Committee report

2. Retirement committee report (presenter: Committee Chair Joe Bernosky)

Committee Chair Joe Bernosky provided the retirement committee report from the meeting held on Feb. 25, 2021. He summarized the plan's performance for 2020 provided by the plan's investment consultant, Northern Trust. Assets increased by \$6.4 million resulting from a portfolio return of 6.6%, which was well below the custom index return of 14.4%. The plan's underperformance is the result of the portfolio's exposure to high quality, low volatility equities. Northern Trust provided an educational session on global real estate and why the asset class is included in the plan's portfolio. The committee conducted its annual review of the investment consultant and agreed the consultant is meeting expectations.

The retirement committee report was for informational purposes only and no board action was required. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2021.

Board action items

3. Executive session – personnel matters

Chair Troxell noted the next item on the agenda is the annual performance review of the general manager and the general counsel. Separately board members received the review materials and compensation information pertinent to each position. Director Hornbacher moved that the board of directors go into executive session for the purposes of considering personnel matters related to the annual review of the performance and compensation of the general manager and the general counsel.

The general counsel advised that an executive session is authorized in this instance by Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I); provided that no formal action will be taken during the executive session.

Director Marsh seconded, and the motion carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

10-minute break at 11:00 a.m.

4. Reconvene regular session

The chair reconvened the regular session and asked if there was further discussion or action as a result of the executive session.

Directors discussed the performance of Sarah Leonard, general counsel, in 2020. Director Bagley moved to give Ms. Leonard a one-time cash bonus of \$25,200. Director Bergsten seconded. The motion carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

Directors discussed the performance of Jason Frisbie, general manager, in 2020. Director Bernosky moved to change Mr. Frisbie's compensation to 1.2 of the pay range paid retroactively from Jan. 1, 2021, along with a one-time cash bonus of \$15,000. Director Bagley seconded. The motion carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

5. Election of chair/vice chair

Chair Troxell noted that the March board meeting may be his last meeting due to Fort Collins elections in April and suggested that the newly elected chair would take over at the end of the April meeting. If the election process goes accordingly and he would no longer be mayor, he will resign as chair, allowing the vice chair to conduct the meeting. Chair Troxell opened the floor for nominations.

Director Bagley nominated Director Hornbacher for chair effective at the conclusion of the April board meeting. Director Bernosky seconded the nomination. Director Marsh noted the historical rotation of chair and vice chair for owner community representation. No further nominations were received. Director Hornbacher accepted the chair nomination.

Director Bagley moved to approve Resolution 03-21; election of board chair David Hornbacher as presented. Director Bergsten seconded. The motion carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

Chair Troxell opened the floor for vice chair nominations. Director Bergsten nominated Director Koenig for vice chair effective at the conclusion of the April board meeting. Director Hornbacher seconded. No further nominations were received.

Director Bergsten moved to approve Resolution 04-21; election of board vice chair Wendy Koenig as presented. Director Hornbacher seconded. Discussion ensued among directors and staff about the rotation of chair/vice chair representation from each owner community. The motion carried 7-1 via roll call vote.

Mr. Frisbie suggested a modification to the agenda to postpone agenda item number 7, Strategic planning and goals, to the April board meeting.

Director Cunniff asked for an update on the goals discussion. Mr. Frisbie asked to address his question during the general management report agenda item.

Management presentations

6. DER strategy committee update (presenter: David Hornbacher)

Committee co-chair David Hornbacher provided an update for the distributed energy resources (DER) strategy stakeholder process and next steps for the committee.

Chair Troxell commented on what is happening organically within the owner communities with distributed energy and the move towards integrating the system as a whole as well as addressing uncertainties such as tariff structures and commercial/industrial customers wanting to provide energy. Discussion ensued among directors and staff regarding the DER strategy committee and systems integration, the critical nature of the need and costs for systems integration and distributed energy resource management.

7. Strategic planning and goals

Postponed until the April board meeting.

Management reports

8. COVID-19 update (presenter: Libby Clark)

Libby Clark, director of human services and safety, summarized efforts being taken to keep staff safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The board had no questions.

Monthly informational reports

9. Legal, environmental and compliance report (presenter: Sarah Leonard)

Sarah Leonard, general counsel, noted no highlights. The board had no questions.

10. February operating report (presenter: Jason Frisbie)

Mr. Frisbie highlighted the peak demand for the month of February due to the extreme weather during the Valentine's Day weekend. Baseload generation performed well for the month, wind generation was below budget because of icing on the wind turbine blades, Rawhide Prairie Flats solar panel and structure repairs were completed. Surplus sales and purchases were above budget during the Valentine's Day weekend. He noted that the dispatch cost was 1% under budget, a huge testament to operations staffs' commitment to operational excellence. The board had no questions.

11. February financial report (presenter: Dave Smalley)

Mr. Smalley noted a strong financial month driven by above-budget surplus and municipal sales, total revenues above budget and operating costs close to budget. The board had no questions.

12. General management report (presenter: Jason Frisbie)

Mr. Frisbie highlighted a few items including Platte River winning an award for the 2020 strategic budget, fuels and water update (noting the snowpack and water availability after the recent snow storm), the Windy Gap Firming project status and receiving formal approval of the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from the Western Area Power Association. Mr. Frisbie

addressed Director Cunniff's request for a goals discussion update and asked Alyssa Clemens Roberts, chief strategy officer, to discuss the areas of focus for the next strategic planning process. Mr. Frisbie added that the board will take a deeper dive in areas of joint dispatch, DER, Western Energy Imbalance Market, timing of resources in the 2020 IRP portfolio 2, entering into a full energy market, joint utility projects and how staff will track progress on the various aspects.

Director Marsh asked staff to provide a presentation on hydrogen and hydrogen fuel cells. Chair Troxell clarified the request asking if she wants information for hydrogen as a carrier fuel and hydrogen fuel cell as advancing technology. Director Marsh confirmed her request. Director Cunniff thanked the staff for outlining the future process to engage the new board members and goal achievements.

Roundtable and strategic discussion topics

Director Cunniff noted that this may be Chair Troxell's last meeting and thanked him for the time and commitment put forth on the board. Chair Troxell commented on enjoying his service to the community and on the Platte River board. The board commended Chair Troxell for his service to Platte River Power Authority.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. either virtually or at the Platte River Power Authority, 2000 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, Colorado.

AS WITNESS, I have executed my name as Secretary and have affixed the corporate seal of the Platte River Power Authority this 29 day of April, 2021.


Secretary

