# INTERMOUNTAIN POWER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 15, 2024

## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the Intermountain Power Agency (IPA) Board of Directors was held on April 15, 2024, at the Intermountain Power Agency offices located at 10653 S. River Front Parkway, Suite 120, South Jordan, Utah, as well as via Zoom virtual meeting. The following participated:

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nick Tatton
Eric Larsen
Allen Johnson
Mark Montgomery - Virtual
Bruce Rigby
Joel Eves
Jason Norlen

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Cameron Cowan

Blaine Haacke
Linford Jensen
Vance Huntley
Cody Combe
Michelle Miller

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Ryleigh Hair IPA – Virtual Lisa Harris IPA – Virtual Jessica DeAlba IPA – Virtual

Saif Mogri IPA Consultant - Virtual

Eric Bawden Holland & Hart

Mark Buchi Holland & Hart – Virtual Scott Hughes Hurricane - Virtual

Jon Finlinson IPSC

Dahl Dalton IPSC - Virtual IPSC - Virtual Mike Utley IPSC - Virtual Zane Draper Isaac Jones Enterprise - Virtual LADWP - Virtual Greg Huynh Lori Morrish LADWP - Virtual Louis Ting LADWP - Virtual Shane Ward Mt. Pleasant - Virtual Rob Hughes Parsons, Behle & Latimer

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## **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. conducted by Chair, Nick Tatton. Mr. Tatton welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced all who were attending and declared a quorum was present.

#### **IPA BOARD CHAIR ITEMS**

Mr. Tatton extended condolences to the Cowan family for the passing of Mr. Cameron Cowan's Mother.

Mr. Tatton said on Monday, April 29, 2024, there will be a meeting with the members of UAMPS, Mr. Kevin Peng, and the IPA Management to discuss possibilities and opportunities at the IPP Plant site.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Larsen said the IPSC Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Mr. Larsen said the Project Entity Oversight Committee will be meeting on Friday, April 19, 2024. Mr. Larsen said an agenda will be forthcoming. Mr. Jensen asked if IPA Financials should be presented at the meeting. Mr. Cowan said the IPA Financials should be presented.

# CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 29, 2024, AND FEBRUARY 5, 2024, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Tatton asked for a motion to approve the January 29, 2024, and February 5, 2024, Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the January 29, 2024, and February 5, 2024, Board of Directors meeting minutes. Mr. Norlen seconded the motion. A vote by all Board members participating in the meeting was taken and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

## OPERATING AGENT AND PROJECT MANAGER REPORT AND Q&A

Mr. Tatton said Mr. Huynh, Operating Agent, and Ms. Morrish, Project Manager, are available to answer any questions the Board may have.

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Mr. Tatton asked Ms. Morrish since the prior update if anything significant had occurred at the Renewal Project site. Ms. Morrish said the IPP Switchyard expansion is nearing completion. The financing for the STS Renewal Project is moving forward on the SCPPA side with the next Bond issuance. The Bond Call is tomorrow, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, with the SCPPA Board set to approve the Bond issuance on Thursday, April 18, 2024. This is the second tranche of financing for SCPPA.

Mr. Tatton asked Mr. Huynh for an update on the coal supply for the summer season. Mr. Huynh said a notice was sent out to the CC members discussing what the summer schedule was going to look like. The current plan is to keep one unit running at minimum load until July 1, 2024, and then both units running until September 30, 2024. Starting in October both units run at minimum load until October 31, 2024. The November schedule is expected to be back to one unit running at minimum load. This may change depending on the coal supply. There will be an Allocations Meeting in the next few weeks with the Purchasers to discuss the updates on the coal supply as well as their summer allocations.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Huynh and Ms. Morrish.

## **IPA MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

#### GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cowan updated the Board on the presentation he had given at the APPA Engineering and Operations Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on the IPP Renewal Project. The title of the breakout session was Managing the Hydrogen Future. Ms. Patrica Scroggin from Burns & McDonnell also presented during the session. Her focus was on hydrogen developments as well as the constraints and the challenges. Mr. Johnson from the IPA Board was in attendance and said it was a great session with good questions, answers, and discussion. Mr. Finlinson asked how well it was attended. Mr. Cowan said 50 to 60 people attended this session. Mr. Johnson said Mr. Cowan did a great job with the Presentation. Mr. Cowan thanked Ms. Morrish, Mr. Huynh, and Mr. Peng for helping to put the presentation together.

Mr. Cowan said with the passing of Senate Bill 161, IPA is expecting a special session where IPA, Utah Legislative Leadership and the Governor's Office can work towards finding a reasonable path forward with SB161.

Mr. Eves asked if IPA could expect good collaboration with all parties. Mr. Cowan said that is the hope to be able to find reasonable solutions.

Mr. Cowan said the Annual Disclosure report was filed on time on March 29, 2024. Mr. Cowan thanked Mr. Bawden for all of his hard work on the report.

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Mr. Cowan asked Mr. Jon Finlinson to give the Environmental Report update as of April 15, 2024.

Mr. Finlinson said the IPSC Environmental team submitted the Tier II Annual Report (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) report), the Annual Landfill Reports, and the Annual Title V Compliance Report and Certification in February 2024. IPSC completed the Annual Greenhouse Gas Report due March 31, 2024. It was uploaded to the EPA's website and LADWP reviewed and certified. IPSC completed and submitted the Annual SO2 Tracking report due April 15, 2024, and the Annual Emissions Inventory due April 15, 2024.

Mr. Finlinson said the Unit 2 MATS PM/HCl testing is scheduled for April 17 and 18, 2024.

The IPSC Environmental team is currently conducting the semi-annual CCR and Discharge Permit groundwater sampling.

Mr. Finlinson said the pond liner contractor H2J is onsite, as weather permits, inspecting and repairing pond liners.

The ACES temporary change applications for IPP underground water were delivered to the Richfield water office for review and approval. The change applications are approved and complete.

Mr. Finlinson said the water rental program was completed on March 22 & 23, 2024. It went like years past.

Mr. Finlinson said there is about 400 cfs coming into Sevier Bridge Reservoir and 0 cfs being released. The Sevier Bridge Reservoir is currently about 50% full. The snow water equivalents for the upper Sevier River and Sanpitch drainage areas are currently about 141% and 133% of normal respectively. The average amount of precipitation for the drainages is currently about 100% and 114% of normal.

Mr. Finlinson reported that the Yuba Dam construction project is now complete.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Cowan and Mr. Finlinson for their reports.

Report attached below.

## ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

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Mr. Haacke said the update on the IPP Renewed Project has been given by Ms. Morrish and Mr. Huynh as well as in the Subcommittee Reports, but currently there is between 1,200 to 1,300 employees working on the Project.

Mr. Haacke continues to attend the monthly Contractors and Owners Meetings held at the Project site. Jon Christensen is always in attendance and participates in the meetings.

Mr. Haacke said there is a lot of interest in SB161 from the participants. The answer is always the same, there is not much to do until IPA sees what happens in the special session.

Mr. Haacke said there are lots of moving parts out at the Project site as well as the independent projects such as ACES, STS, Adelanto, etc., but things are going well.

Mr. Tatton asked Mr. Haacke about the Project sight safety. Mr. Haacke said sight safety is a huge issue at the monthly meetings. It is discussed at length. There have been a few safety issues with minor injuries, but nothing substantial. Ms. Morrish said the issue of safety has been very important since the beginning of the Project. The monthly meetings really address these issues.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Haacke for his report.

## ACCOUNTING MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Jensen directed the Board to the draft Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2024, and compared the balances for January 2024 with those for January 2023.

Mr. Jensen reviewed the IPA A&G and Ongoing Finance Budget for fiscal year ending January 31, 2024. He reported that the electric plant in service is \$587.4 million more than in the previous period due to construction work in progress (CWIP) on the Renewal Project. The cash and cash equivalents are \$382 million more due to the issuance of the 2023 Series A&B Bonds. The credit to participants through January 2024 is just over \$29.1 million. Fuel expenses are \$32.6 million less than in the previous period. Maintenance and operation costs are \$13.8 million more. Fuel Inventories are \$9 million less than in the previous period. The Long-term bonds payable are currently \$1,797 million. The Long-term Drawdown Bonds as well as the Subordinated Notes balances are currently zero. The payments in aid of construction are \$164.8 million due to SCPPA making payments. The average cost of power is 52.1 mills/kWh.

Mr. Tatton asked Mr. Jensen when the Credit to Participants gets distributed. Mr. Jensen said it gets distributed in October after the IPA Annual Audit is issued.

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Mr. Jensen discussed in detail with the Board the Intermountain Power Agency Administrative & General Budget Details for 2024-25 comparing budget years 2024-2025; 2023-2024 and the variance between the two.

Mr. Jensen discussed in detail with the Board the Historical Analysis of the Intermountain Power Agency Administrative & General Budget Comparison Actual vs. Budget for fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025.

Mr. Finlinson asked if the High School Scholarships Program that IPSC awards and IPA pays each fiscal year should continue. The Board said yes, continue the Scholarship Program.

Mr. Jensen asked the Board for additional questions. There were none.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Jensen for his report.

Report attached below.

#### TREASURY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Huntley gave the Board a market overview of the current movement of rates.

Mr. Huntley directed the Board to the Investment Report as of March 31, 2024. The total book value of the portfolio was \$124 million. The portfolio performance fiscal year to date is 4.325%. The portfolio structure includes 31% Corporate Notes, 50% US Treasury/Agency, 4% Commercial Paper, and 15% Money Market/Cash. 36% of the investment portfolio matures in less than three months, with 10% in three to six months, 37% in six months to one year, and 17% in one to three years. The weighted average life of the portfolio is 235 days.

Mr. Huntley directed the Board to the Construction Fund Investment Report as of March 31, 2024. The total book value of the portfolio was \$1,144 million. The portfolio performance fiscal year to date is 5.048%. The portfolio structure includes 74% US Treasury/Agency, 14% Corporate Notes, none in Commercial Paper, and 12% Money Market/Cash. 41% of the investment portfolio matures in less than three months, with 18% in three to six months, 16% in six months to one year, 22% in one to three years, 1% in three to five years, and 2% in beyond five years. The weighted average life of the portfolio is 257 days.

Mr. Huntley reviewed the Investment Portfolio – Construction Fund Investments by Fund as of March 31, 2024, including the Tax- Exempt Construction Fund; Taxable Construction Fund; Debt Service Fund; Debt Service Reserve Fund; Decommissioning Fund; Hydrogen Fund; Hydrogen Reserve; and the STS Construction Fund.

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Mr. Huntley updated the Board on the future financing plan. IPA is expecting the funds to be completely used by March 2025. The plan is to do the 3rd Tranche of financing in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024. Mr. Huntley said interest rates have gone up significantly. They are the highest since November 2023. The expectation of rates dropping in the near future continually gets pushed down the road.

Mr. Huntley asked the Board for questions. There were none.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Huntley for his report.

Report attached below.

#### AUDIT MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Combe directed the Board to the Audit Manager's Report as of April 15, 2024, and reported there were no audit reports issued since the last board meeting.

Mr. Combe reported that there are two audits in the reporting stage including the IPSC Contracts and Disbursements – November 2017-June 2021; and the IPA Vacation Accrual and Leave – Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023.

There are currently three audits in the field work stage including the Operating Agent Billings (LADWP) – fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; the Segregation of Duties Review IPA Office and Bank Access; and the Quarterly Investment Reviews.

Finally, there are currently two audits in the planning stage including the Project Manager Costs Audit – June 2016-June 2023; and the Renewal Project Contractor Compliance Audit.

Mr. Combe said there is a lot of work going on around the Gas Operating Procedures. The Operating Agent has reached out to Mr. Combe to ask if there are any audit procedures that IPA wants to have included.

Mr. Combe said the IPP Audit Committee has requested to start a hotline. The LADWP Audit Team will be overseeing the starting of the hotline. The hotline will be used to report fraud.

Mr. Combe asked the Board for questions. There were none.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Combe for his report.

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Report attached below.

## **IPA BOARD TRAINING**

## IPA POLICY ON ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT

Mr. Buchi, IPA's Legal Counsel, reviewed with the Board members the Intermountain Power Agency Policy on Ethical Business Conduct. Mr. Buchi said the last time the Policy was revised was in April 2019. Mr. Buchi said the Policy should be reviewed in depth annually within the first 60 days of the calendar year and possibly make some recommendations to the Board for changes by the IPA Governance Committee such as completing the training later in the year.

Mr. Buchi discussed in detail the Policy's Responsibility for Upholding IPA's Core Values and the Standards for Upholding IPA's Core Values including General, Implementation of the Policy, the Conflicts of Interest, the Fair and Honest Dealing, the Record Keeping, the Confidential Information, Dealing with Auditors, IPA Property, Political Activities, the Reporting Violations of this Policy including Retaliation is Prohibited. Mr. Buchi reviewed with the Board the Waiver of this Policy.

Mr. Buchi also discussed the Contact Information for the Ethics Resource Group and Anonymous Reporting as well as the Supplemental Policy on Conflicts of Interest for Directors and Officers.

Finally, Mr. Buchi said once a year each Board member is to meet with Mr. Cowan and will need to sign the following: Confirmation of Compliance with the IPA Policy on Ethical Business Conduct and the Supplemental Policy on Conflicts of Interest for Directors and Officers.

Mr. Tatton asked Mr. Eves to hold a Governance Committee meeting to discuss updating the IPA Ethical Business Conduct Policy and bring the recommendations to the Board for approval in the May or July Board meeting. Once the policy has been updated, the Board members will sign the necessary documents of compliance.

Mr. Tatton thanked Mr. Buchi for the report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Tatton thanked everyone for their comments.

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Mr. Tatton asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rigby made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote by all Board members participating in the meeting was taken and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m., (MDT) at Intermountain Power Generating Station located at 850 West Brush Wellman Road, Delta, Utah 84624.

Minutes taken by Michelle Miller.