



2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Record of Minutes

June 15, 2017

Hotchkiss High School

438 Bulldog Street, Hotchkiss, CO 81419

Annual Meeting of Members

The 79th Annual Meeting of Members of Delta-Montrose Electric Association was called to order by President of the Board Bill Patterson on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Hotchkiss High School in Hotchkiss, Colorado, at 6:05 p.m.

Directors Present

- Bill Patterson, *President*
- Mark Eckhart, *Vice-President*
- Brad Harding, *Secretary/Treasurer*
- Marshall Collins, *Assistant Secretary/Treasurer*
- Kyle Martinez
- Tony Prendergast
- John Gavan
- Jim Elder
- Terry Brown

DMEA Staff Present

- Jasen Bronec (CEO) and additional DMEA Staff

Guests Present

- Members of DMEA and invited guests, including representatives from Survey and Ballot Systems, Colorado Rural Electric Association, Tri-State Generation & Transmission, Pivot, and Crowd Fiber.

I. **Business Meeting.** The annual meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., and President Patterson announced the beginning of the business portion of the meeting.

A. **Invocation.** Director Kyle Martinez delivered the invocation.

B. **National Anthem.** The Rocky Road Quartet of the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus performed the national anthem.

C. Pledge of Allegiance. President Patterson then led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Quorum Report. DMEA Director and Board Secretary Brad Harding read the Notice of Meeting and declared the presence of more than 50 DMEA members, constituting a quorum to elect directors and to conduct a business meeting.

E. Board Introductions

1. Current Board Members. President Patterson introduced the current Board Members to those in attendance.

2. Board Candidates and an Explanation of the Election Process. DMEA General Counsel Jeffrey Hurd announced the director candidates, all of whom were running unopposed in their districts:

Mark Eckhart (District 7)

John Gavan (North Region)

Damon Lockhart (District 6)

Hurd provided those in attendance with an overview of the process for an uncontested Board election. Pursuant to DMEA bylaws Section 4(e), the DMEA Board at a special meeting held May 9, 2017 voted to cancel the 2017 election and to declare at the annual meeting that the candidate for each position had been deemed elected. Hurd stated that notice of the cancellation was sent to members and was posted on DMEA's website more than 21 days in advance of the meeting, both as required by DMEA bylaws.

3. Declaration of Elected Candidates. On behalf of the cooperative, President Patterson then recognized the 2017 elected board candidates and declared that the candidates for each district were deemed to have been elected:

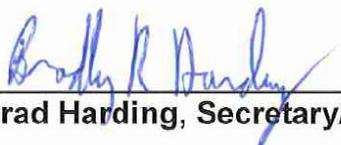
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President Patterson then led all in attendance in a round of applause congratulating the elected directors.

- F. President's Report.** President Patterson then presented his President's Report, focusing on DMEA's future power supply and the Board's goal of keeping rates low for the membership.
- G. CEO Report.** Jasen Bronec then presented his CEO Report, focusing in large part on fiber deployment and DMEA's collaboration with its broadband subsidiary, Elevate Fiber. Bronec noted that fiber deployment throughout the cooperative is in direct support of DMEA's core mission of distributing energy, and noted the various other benefits that fiber brings to DMEA's membership and to the communities in the DMEA service area. Bronec then introduced a short video produced in collaboration with the City of Montrose called "Are You Ready?" which highlighted the importance of high speed fiber to communities and members in Delta and Montrose counties.
- H. Comments from Tony Neal-Graves, Executive Director of the State Broadband Office.** Mr. Neil-Graves addressed the membership on broadband deployment in Colorado to local communities and Colorado's focus on expanding Broadband access as an economic development tool.
- I. Presentation from Diane Smith - "The New Rural.com"** Diane Smith then addressed the membership on the importance of broadband to rural communities and the "revolution" they were bringing, drawing on her experience both in rural Montana and in Washington, D.C.
- J. Open Meeting to Member Comments and Questions.** President Patterson then opened the meeting to member comments. Several members addressed the Board with questions regarding expansion of solar initiatives, the status of renewables within the DMEA portfolio, and DMEA's ability to weather large-scale disruptions to its power supply.
- K. Statement Confirming No Unfinished Business.** President Patterson confirmed there was no unfinished business on the 2017 Annual Meeting agenda, and that the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.
- II. Adjournment.** The official 2017 DMEA annual meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., after which there was a drawing for door prizes.



Brad Harding, Secretary/Treasurer