

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2017**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the IPEA was held pursuant to proper notice at the Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham, Illinois on April 6, 2017.

Chairman Cory Sheehy called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken showing that a quorum was present. Mike Lebshier made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2017, seconded by Justin Griffith. The voice vote showed all in favor.

The Treasurer's Report for December was presented by Tia King. She stated in February 2017, gas revenues had decreased by 16% from the previous year and dekatherm sales had decreased by 33% from the previous year. With there being no questions, Mayor Ann Short moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Steve Sowers, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Chairman Cory Sheehy stated that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, any person in attendance at a meeting shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. He then asked if anyone would like to make a comment and hearing none, the meeting continued.

President & CEO's Report: CEO Gaden stated that Creal Springs had sold their gas system to Ameren. He reported on the possible impacts the President's Executive Order may have on the natural gas market. As President Trump begins the process to withdraw and rewrite the Clean Power Plan, it will likely slow future methane regulations.

CEO Gaden reported that during a follow-up visit to Salem, it was discovered the City had already signed a 5-year contract extension with UGM. Discussion ensued regarding the concept of combining the IPEA annual conference with the IMEA/IMUA annual conference or keeping it in Effingham. The consensus was to wait until members attend the upcoming combined conferences in May to decide.

Ordinance #17-04-155 – Adopting and Approving Revised Budget for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2017: Tia King presented the revised budget stating that the Management and Administrative Services paid to IMEA decreased due to lower DTH sales. With there being no questions, Bob Coble moved to approve this ordinance, seconded by Justin Griffith. A voice vote was taken showing all in favor.

Ordinance #17-04-156 - Adopting and Approving Budget for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2018: Tia King then reviewed the budget for fiscal year 2017-18 stating projected sales are based on the last five-year average gas volumes, with volumes projected to increase by 9% due to the normal weather. With there being no questions, Terry Gard moved to approve this ordinance, seconded by Greg Hazel. A voice vote was taken showing unanimous approval.

Legislative Update: Staci Wilson explained how President Trump's Executive Order has begun the unravelling of the EPA Clean Power Plan. It eliminates a long term trend of federal overreach balancing economic freedoms with environmental protections. The Order also eliminates Obama's Climate Action Plan along with the Social Cost of Carbon Calculation.

Regarding State issues, Wilson discussed SB 937 which provides prompt payment relief for utility services provided by a unit of local government to the State and SB 71 which is follow-up legislation to the Exelon bill concerning certification for wind installers and technicians. HB 3396 updates the Joint Municipal Electric Power Act allowing joint action agencies to sell wholesale power to any market participant in the RTO. Wilson also reported on various House bills pertaining to the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act which would include public officials being required to give written responses to public questions, new information required to be posted on units of local government website and limiting the time the public could openly speak at a meeting. She gave an update on the 5G wireless pole attachment legislation and reported on current negotiations. She explained that municipalities are exempt from federal pole attachment regulations and staff wants to ensure that exemption at the State level as well as ensure the continued ability to underground poles and allow utilities to preserve pole space for planning purposes.

Resolution #17-04-157 – Approving Model Amendment to Natural Gas All-Requirements Sales Agreement  
Mike Genin stated that the contract extension forms have been distributed and several have been executed and returned. This resolution provides prior approval of the member that are approved by the member and returned in substantially the form as presented. With there being no questions, Terry Gard moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Greg Hazel. A voice vote was taken showing all in favor.

Mike Genin reported that staff had requested proposals from three gas suppliers and are currently reviewing their bids.

Nominations & Awards (N&A) Committee: CEO Gaden reported on a meeting of the N&A Committee held by teleconference on March 15<sup>th</sup> with Bob Coble, Justin Griffith, Mayor Tom Martin and Cory Sheehy in attendance. General discussion was held on the slate of Officers for fiscal year 2017-18. After confirming all the officers had expressed a desire to remain, the committee recommended the following slate:

Cory Sheehy, Chairman  
Mayor Ann Short, Vice Chairman  
Terry Gard, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Lebshier, Member-at-Large  
Justin Griffith, Member-at-Large

And to reappoint Troy Fodor as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Election of Officers & Executive Board Members: CEO Gaden asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being none, Mike Lebshier then moved to approve the recommended slate from the N&A Committee. Steve Sowers seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #17-04-158 – Establishing the Meeting Schedule for FY 2017-18: CEO Gaden reviewed the meeting schedule for the upcoming year and stated that the April meeting date could change after a decision is made on how to proceed with the IPEA annual conference. Justin Griffith moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Bob Coble. Voice vote showed all in favor.

Committee Appointments: CEO Kevin Gaden reported that during the Nominations & Awards Committee meeting on March 15th, it was recommended that all current members remain on the Nominations & Awards Committee and the Financial Oversight Committee. Justin Griffith moved to approve the recommended committee appointments, seconded by Greg Hazel. A voice vote was taken showing all in favor.

FOIA and Open Meetings Act – General Counsel Troy Fodor reported that Doc Mueller along with himself are the current officers representing IPEA. Due to Mueller’s retirement this summer, staff is recommending that the Board appoint Staci Wilson as a FOIA and OMA officer. For record keeping purposes, staff is also recommending that in the future, the Board reappoint these positions annually at the April Board meeting. Mayor Ann Short moved to approve appointing Staci Wilson as an additional Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) officer representing IPEA, seconded by Terry Gard. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Rodd Whelpley reported on the specifics of the annual conference to include the banquet that evening and speaker presentations to include Jim Germain from Constellation and Dave Schryver from APGA. The meeting will adjourn by noon.

There being no further business, Justin Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m., seconded by Mike Lebshier with all being in favor via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bethany	Steve Sowers
Bushnell	Justin Griffith
Edinburg	Mike Lebshier
Flora	Bob Coble
Greenup	Mike Ryder
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Martinsville	Terry Gard
Rantoul	Greg Hazel
Roodhouse	Mayor Tom Martin (via teleconference)
Sullivan	Mayor Ann Short

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Casey	Shelby Biggs
Fairfield	Charles Griswold, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bethany	Shannon Risley
Fairfield	Bob Clutter
Jo-Carroll Energy	Pat Keleher
IPEA	Kevin Gaden
IPEA	Troy Fodor
IPEA	Mike Genin
IPEA	Staci Wilson
IPEA	Tia King
IPEA	Bob Childers
IPEA	Rodd Whelpley
IPEA	Tammy Hall