

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
APRIL 11, 2019**

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 11, 2019.

Chairman Cory Sheehy called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken showing that a quorum was present. Mayor Tom Martin of Roodhouse was present by telephone in accordance with the requirements of the Bylaws. Mike Lebshier made a motion to allow Mayor Tom Martin to vote via telephone, seconded by Shannon Risley which passed by unanimous voice vote. Terry Gard made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019, seconded by Mike Lebshier. The voice vote showed all in favor.

The Treasurer's Report for February was presented by Tia King. She stated that in February 2019, gas revenues decreased by 8% from the previous year and dekatherm sales increased by 10% from the previous year. With there being no questions, Greg Hazel moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Shelby Biggs, 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 now that winter is over and summer preparedness has begun, strategic gas lock-ins for the upcoming years should be considered due to the low price of gas futures. He discussed the continued conversion from coal/nuke to gas/renewables and that federal renewable incentives are set to start to phase down in 2020-2022. He stated that corporate tax rate reduction leaves less money incentive to lower the tax bill with tax credits. Natural gas generation may be next to be targeted along with carbon reduction initiatives and higher State/Federal renewable portfolio standards (RPS).

CEO Gaden reported that he and Mike Genin had met with the coop managers from Jo-Carroll and Rock Energy recently to discuss contract extensions and how that would fit with municipal supply contract considerations. He also stated that Staci Wilson would lead the discussion regarding State and Federal Energy Policy and several Illinois energy initiatives later in the meeting.

Ordinance #19-04-167 – Adopting and Approving Revised Budget for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2019: Tia King presented the revised budget stating that DTH sales were running 4% more than the original budget projection and the Management and Administrative Services paid to IMEA increased by \$5,000 due to higher DTH sales. There were no other revisions to administrative and general costs. With there being no questions, Mike Lebshier moved to approve this ordinance, seconded by Shannon Risley. A voice vote was taken showing all in favor.

Ordinance #19-04-168 - Adopting and Approving Budget for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2020: Tia King then reviewed the budget for fiscal year 2019-20 stating projected sales are based on the last five-year average gas volumes, with volumes projected to decrease by 4.5% due to assuming a normal winter season. The IMEA Management Fee decreased by \$5,000 due to lower DTH sales projected for FY2019-20. With there being no questions, Greg Hazel moved to approve this ordinance, seconded by Terry Gard. A voice vote was taken showing unanimous approval.

Legislative Update: Regarding Federal issues, Staci Wilson reported that President Trump had eliminated LIHEAP funding in the FY20 budget although APGA and IPEA recently signed a letter from the National Energy & Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC) to the congressional appropriations committee asking them to maintain/increase LIHEAP funding. She stated that APGA had participated in the Dept. of Energy (DOE) Rulemaking to streamline the Process Rule which addresses procedures and policies that guide DOE in establishing new or amended energy-efficiency standards. APGA argues that DOE should focus on energy conservation, but must examine if it makes clear economic sense, is transparent and there should be peer reviews completed prior to DOE authorizing any standard.

Wilson reported on several bills listed below:

Clean Energy Jobs Act – SB 2132/HB 3624 – Initiated by environmental groups requesting carbon free electric sector by 2030. This would increase the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 100% by 2050 and require municipal utilities to develop a plan equivalent to the state’s RPS.

Path to 100 – SB 1792/HB 2966 – Initiated by wind and solar developers to increase Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 40% by 2030. Municipal utilities are not specifically referenced.

HB 2839 – Would have allowed any interested party to intervene in lawsuits challenging decisions of state agencies, but the sponsor did not call for a committee vote.

HB1633 – Imposes stricter criminal penalties on persons who intentionally damage critical infrastructure which includes natural gas distribution facilities such as pipelines, interconnections, metering stations, above ground piping regulator station or storage facility.

Regarding State issues, Wilson reported that the four bills which were introduced to prohibit fracking did not make it through the committee process. She also stated that the bill that deals with the water lead service lines is still in negotiations. This bill would require community water supplies to identify and replace all lead service lines that connect to a water main.

Nominations & Awards (N&A) Committee: CEO Gaden reported on a meeting of the N&A Committee held by teleconference on April 3rd 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 2019-20. After confirming that the officers had expressed a desire to remain, the committee recommended the following slate:

Cory Sheehy, Chairman
Justin Griffith, Vice Chairman
Terry Gard, Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Lebshier, Member-at-Large
Mayor Tom Martin, 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, Greg Hazel then moved to approve the recommended slate from the N&A Committee. Bob Coble seconded the motion which carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee, FOIA and OMA Appointments: CEO Kevin Gaden reported that during the Nominations & Awards Committee meeting on April 3rd, it was recommended that Justin Griffith from Bushnell replace Mayor Ann Short from Sullivan as Vice Chairman on the Executive Board and Mayor Tom Martin from Roodhouse become a Member-at-Large. Since the Financial Oversight Committee consists of the officers, Justin Griffith from Bushnell, would replace Mayor Ann Short from Sullivan. It was also recommended that Troy Fodor and Staci Wilson continue as the FOIA and OMA officers. Terry Gard moved to approve the recommended appointments, seconded by Greg Hazel. A voice vote was taken showing all in favor.

Resolution #19-04-169 – Establishing the Meeting Schedule for FY 2019-20: CEO Gaden reviewed the meeting schedule for the upcoming year and noted that the 2019 annual meeting will be held on April 2 and 3 in Effingham. Mike Lebshier moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Greg Hazel. Voice vote showed all in favor.

President & CEO Kevin Gaden reported on the specifics of the annual conference to include the banquet that evening and speaker presentations. They included Jim Germain from Constellation, Dave Schryver from APGA and Sam Barbee from the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. The meeting will adjourn by noon.

There being no further business, Shelby Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:10 p.m., seconded by Terry Gard with all being in favor via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:



~~Asst. Secretary~~ Secretary/Treasurer

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Bethany	Shannon Risley
Casey	Shelby Biggs
Edinburg	Mike Lebshier
Flora	Bob Coble
Greenup	Mike Ryder
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Martinsville	Terry Gard
Rantoul	Greg Hazel

MEMBERS ABSENT OR LISTENED VIA TELECONFERENCE

Bushnell	Justin Griffith
Fairfield	Mayor Brent Maguire
Roodhouse	Mayor Tom Martin (via teleconference)
Sullivan	Mayor Ann Short

OTHERS PRESENT

IPEA	Kevin Gaden
IPEA	Mike Genin
IPEA	Staci Wilson
IPEA	Tia King
IPEA	Chris Wise
IPEA	Troy Fodor
IPEA	Tammy Hall