

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2017**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the IPEA was held pursuant to proper notice at the IMEA headquarters building, 3400 Conifer Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on June 14, 2017.

Chairman Cory Sheehy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and roll call was taken showing that a quorum was present. Justin Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017, seconded by Steve Sowers. The voice vote showed all in favor.

The Treasurer's Report for April was presented by Tia King. She reported that the cash balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup> was \$346,178 which was \$23,010 higher than the previous year. She reported that the auditors were currently working on the audit and will report their findings at the August meeting. With there being no questions, Bob Coble moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Greg Hazel, 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 thanked the Board members for their support in extending their relationship with IPEA and reported that all the municipals are extended to March 31, 2023 and both cooperatives extended to March 31, 2021. Regarding the Gas Supply Agreement, he thanked staff for their efforts in reviewing proposals and contract terms and indicated that decision would be made later in the meeting. He stated that IPEA members continue to provide some of the lowest cost, most reliable gas supply in the region. Gaden also reported on an explosion in Marengo, Illinois damaging many homes earlier this week. That area is supplied by Nicor which is highly respected for their safety and compliance. An investigation is underway and may cause a heightened sense of awareness to verify safety and restoration plans.

Market Update: Jim Germain of Constellation gave an update on the gas market stating that the summer forecast is hot due to a weak El Nino and may be followed by a warm winter. Natural gas production increased to a year-to-date high last week along with storage inventories. NYMEX gas prices closed below \$3 last week due to rising gas production and mild weather. Exports to Mexico and LNG exports continue to provide support to prices as less gas is injected into storage. The exports to Mexico will provide long term demand growth for U.S. gas. The strong northeast regional gas growth further emphasizes the importance on the pipeline expansion approvals. Germain expects more volatility due to lower production and higher demand which will significantly tighten the market.

Legislative & Regulatory:

Regarding federal issues, Staci Wilson gave an overview of the status of the budget. She stated that in the President's proposed budget, \$24 billion would be cut in FY 2018 with \$3.6 trillion cut over the next decade. Additional revenues through tax reform cuts would be \$2.7 trillion over the next ten years with a goal of 2027 for a balanced budget. The Department of Energy non-defense spending is to be cut by \$3 billion which may affect energy efficiency, reliability and cyber security programs. The budget eliminates LIHEAP,

extends sequestration and proposes the sale of a portion of the power marketing administration. She also stated that the EPA sent a new replacement Clean Power Plan to the U.S. Government's Office of Management and Budget.

Regarding State issues, Staci Wilson gave an update on the status of the Illinois budget impasse. The May 31<sup>st</sup> spring session deadline passed with no resolution which means a higher voting threshold is required. The last stopgap budget was only a 6-month budget for FY 2017 and the fiscal year 2018 deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding bills of interest, Wilson stated that SB 1451, the small cell wireless bill, passed the Senate, but failed in the House. SB 1839, the AT&T carrier of last resort bill, eliminates the requirement that AT&T continue to invest in traditional landline phones in their territory. This could have significant consequences in AT&T communities. There was also an increase in the 911 funding. There is a delayed effective date of December 31, 2021 for utilities to prepare. HB 3396 updates joint action agency statutes. An amendment to HB 1438 is an initiative of the Sierra Club which requires Illinois laws and regulations remain as strict as federal laws that were in place on January 1, 2017.


At that time, CEO Kevin Gaden then asked for a motion to go into closed session for discussion of contractual matters. Greg Hazel moved to go into closed session, seconded by Terry Gard. Voice vote showed all in favor. The meeting was closed to the public pursuant to Section 2(c)(23) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23) at 11:52 a.m. The meeting was returned to open session at 12:15 p.m.

Resolution #17-06-159 – Authorizing Execution of Gas Supplier Agreement - Justin Griffith moved to approve the resolution authorizing execution of a Gas Supplier Agreement with Constellation, seconded by Steve Sowers. The roll call vote showed all in favor.

Annual Conference: CEO Kevin Gaden asked members their preference with regard to the location of the next IPEA annual conference in April of 2018. The question was whether IPEA joins the IMUA/IMEA annual meeting in May of 2018 or goes back to Effingham on April 12 and 13. The consensus of the Board was to remain in Effingham and rescheduled the board meeting from April 25 to April 12.

There being no further business, Justin Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m., seconded by Terry Gard with all being in favor via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bethany	Steve Sowers
Bushnell	Justin Griffith
Casey	Shelby Biggs (via teleconference)
Flora	Bob Coble
Greenup	Mike Ryder (via teleconference)
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Martinsville	Terry Gard
Rantoul	Greg Hazel
Roodhouse	Mayor Tom Martin

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Edinburg	Mike Lebshier
Fairfield	Charles Griswold, Jr.
Sullivan	Mayor Ann Short

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bethany	Shannon Risley
Constellation	Jim Germain (via teleconference)
Constellation	Brian Hirshberg
Jo-Carroll	Pat Keheler (via teleconference)
IPEA	Kevin Gaden
IPEA	Troy Fodor
IPEA	Mike Genin
IPEA	Staci Wilson
IPEA	Mary Ann Todd
IPEA	Tia King
IPEA	Bob Childers
IPEA	Ed Cobau
IPEA	Tammy Hall