

# Unofficial Minutes until Board approval

## July 14, 2011

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION HELD JUNE 9, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Tombigbee Electric Power Association met at the Centerville Restaurant, Centerville, MS, on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 5:30 p. m. and there were present the following directors:

Class of 2011

Tommy Estes  
Jamie Franks  
Tommy David Franks  
Guy Harris  
F. G. Wiygul, Jr.

Class of 2012

Steve Holland  
Don Knight  
Steve Sheffield  
Don Spradling  
Cecil Weeks

Class of 2013

Pat Carr  
Jimmy Gray  
Larry Harris  
Jack Johnson  
Buddy Palmer

(A)—Not present

Also present were: William W. Long, General Manager; Rudolph Franks, Auditor; Scott Hendrix, Attorney; Bruce Williams, Tupelo Office Manager; Barry Thrasher, Fulton Branch Manager; David Riley, Tupelo Operations Manager, David Kelso, Member Services Director, and Tim Phipps, Energy Services Technician

Pat Carr called the meeting to order and called on Larry Harris to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Carr then opened the floor for consideration of the May 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. **Tommy Franks made a motion that the May minutes be approved as written and distributed to Directors by mail.** Tommy Estes seconded the motion and upon vote taken duly carried.

Committee Reports: Mr. Carr then called on those committee chairmen having information to present to the Board.

Buildings and Grounds: Don Knight, Chairman reported on behalf of the committee. Mr. Knight reported that the committee had met earlier this date for the purpose of receiving bids for construction of new headquarter facilities at Tupelo. Mr. Knight further reported that six (6) general contractors had submitted bids and that all the bid amounts were significantly higher than the estimated project cost provided by the architect and their source for cost estimates. After further general review and discussion of the project, Mr. Knight confirmed that the committee would be working with our architect firm and the apparent low bidder to investigate ways to reduce the project cost. Mr. Knight also provided to the Board information from the architect that the committee expects to have additional project and cost information to report to the Board at the regular July meeting.

Attorneys Report: Mr. Carr then called on Scott Hendrix to give the attorney's report. Mr. Hendrix reported that much of his time in completion of TEPA work this month was done in the support to TEPA staff and management work projects. Mr. Hendrix briefly described details of other matters and his involvement with collections details and billing activities involving Piggly Wiggly, Saltillo; and Carpenter Electric, Mantachie and details involving the case with the Grissom family and the Mooreville-Richmond Water Association water well located along the Tombigbee State Park road.

Auditors Report: Mr. Carr then called on Mr. Rudolph Franks to present the Auditor's Report. Mr. Franks provided the Board with a copy of his TEPA Monthly Highlights Report for April 2011 and commented on several components of the report (for further information and review, a copy of the report is filed at the headquarters office). Directors had no questions for Mr. Franks concerning his report.

Managers Report: Mr. Carr then called on Bill Long to give the Manager's Report. Long reported and provided details on the following topics:

- Informed the Board of TVA plans to sponsor a tour of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Generating Plant located near Decatur, Alabama. Several distributors indicated an interest in participating. Travel details will be determined by the staff.
- Reported to the Board that since the April 27 tornadoes, TVA has not been able to return the Browns Ferry plant to its full generating capacity just prior to the storms. Some segments of the 500 kV transmissions line supplied by the plant are also still out of service due to the massive amount of steel material needed to replace damaged or completely destroyed structures. This unavailable nuclear capacity will trend to increase TVA's whole electric cost due to the need for off system purchases to replace the lost generation.
- Reported that Long and other TEPA staff will be attending an Emergency Work Plan Meeting scheduled for June 20 and 21. The purpose of the meeting is to review past emergency assistance work events and to make improvements to the Statewide Emergency Program to improve storm assistance work.
- Long reported on certain employment statistics. Information was provided to the Board concerning upcoming new employment opportunities for area members and Tombigbee efforts to maintain workforce diversity.
- Long reported and clarified certain details provided at last month's Board meeting concerning damage to the TEPA electric distribution system due to the storms in April 2011. Upon further review of restoration work orders, the cost is expected to exceed \$200,000.

Long further reviewed system restoration work and costs due to storm damage in May 2011. Approximately 19,000 members were without power at the height of the interruption due to the storms on the night of May 25 and during the early morning hours of May 26. All power was restored system wide by the end of the work day on May 27. Due to the amount of damage system wide and in order to resort power as soon as

practicable, crews were requested through the Statewide Emergency Assistance Program to aid TEPA work crews. Crews were sent to TEPA from Pontotoc EPA, 4-County EPA and Northcentral EPA to assist TEPA.

The EPA of MS Statewide Office has indicated that the storm events during April and May have been declared by the Federal Government for disaster relief funds. The cost of the power restoration has been approved for FEMA reimbursement at the rate of 87.5% (federal and state reimbursement percentages) pending FEMA review and approval.

- Long reported that the Executive Committee had reviewed a request by the Lee County Board of Supervisors requesting that TEPA participate in a County effort to monitor and review all construction projects in the county (except for areas in the county within a municipal) for compliance with certain flood plain or flood prone areas. The request by the County officials would result in TEPA denying or withholding electric service at all new construction locations until members present TEPA with approval by the County to construct at a particular location and flood plain elevation. The decision by the Executive Committee is to respectfully decline the request for participation at this time and to suggest other means for the county to accomplish their construction regulations as they relate to flood records.

Matters of Mutual Concern: Mr. Tommy Estes was recognized for an announcement to the Board. Mr. Estes informed the Board that he had received positive comments and congratulatory remarks from TEPA members who wished to express their thanks for the fine job done by the TEPA work force for restoration of power during the recent storms.

Other Directors echoed Mr. Estes experience and expression from members in the community.

They're being no further business; **Guy Harris made a motion that the July 2011 Board meeting be held at Tupelo Headquarters Office.** F. G. Wiygul seconded the motion and upon vote taken duly carried.

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Pat Carr, President

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F. G. Wiygul Jr., Secretary-Treasurer