

Unofficial Minutes until Board Approval

June 9, 2016

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION HELD MAY 12, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Tombigbee Electric Power Association met at the Tupelo Office, Tupelo, MS, on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 5:00 p. m. and there were present the following directors:

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Pat Carr	Tommy Estes (A)	Jim Gray
Jimmy Gray	Guy Harris	Steve Holland
Jack Johnson	Chip Prestage	Don Knight (A)
John McFerrin	Brenda Goff Shumpert	Don Spradling
Buddy Palmer	F. G. Wiygul, Jr.	Cecil Weeks

(A)—Not present

Also present were: Scott Hendrix, Attorney
Greg Jarrell, Auditor
David Kelso, Fulton Branch Manager
David Riley, Tupelo Operations Manager
Steve Tarpley, Member Services Director
Bruce Williams, Tupelo Office Manager
William W. Long, General Manager

Pat Carr called the meeting to order and called upon Buddy Palmer to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Carr opened the floor for consideration of the April 2016 regularly scheduled Board Meeting Minutes. **John McFerrin made a motion that the April meeting minutes be approved as prepared and mailed to Directors for review.** F. G. Wiygul seconded the motion and upon vote taken, a majority vote was observed.

Mr. Carr then called on General Manager Long to introduce the TVA guests attending the Board Meeting. Long introduced Mr. John Malone, General Manager of TVA's Mississippi Customer Delivery District, and Bill Duke, Customer Service Manager, Customer Relations, Mississippi District.

Mr. Malone and Mr. Duke provided a very informative presentation highlighting many important accomplishments of TVA in the past as well as the continued efforts of the agency to improve and support the livelihood of the residents of the Tennessee Valley Region. Services and benefits provided to the region through the 155 local power company (LPC) network includes three main goals of providing affordable electric power, to be stewards of Valley resources, and to be a

partner for economic growth. This is partially accomplished through electric service to the 80,000 square mile- seven state region, more than \$10 Billion in annual revenue, managing the river system and environmental resources.

Mr. Malone also provided information on the status of the Watts Bar Unit 2 nuclear generating plant, and TVA's present mix of generating fuel sources as well as TVA's expected future goal to utilize more natural gas and to reduce its use of coal. Mr. Malone also provided information concerning capital project under construction in the north Mississippi regions that will improve the service and reliability of two of TEPA's power substations. Various programs available for LPC members to save energy and lower utility bills were highlighted as well as TVA's support of economic development through various regional and state sponsored agencies were identified.

Mr. Duke followed with a presentation of key operating indicators and stats as published in TVA's Distributor Financial Report. A general summary of Mr. Duke's information presentation describes that TEPA provides for its members low cost and stable retail rates, and TVA's assessment is that TEPA is doing a good job for its members.

Mr. Malone and Mr. Duke provided a time for Directors to ask questions about the presentation.

Following TVA's presentation, Mr. Carr proceeded with the remainder of the agenda. Mr. Carr then inquired of the Board and staff if there was a need for an Executive Session. Mr. Hendrix responded that he had matters that should be reported in executive session. As a result, **Guy Harris made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session.** Buddy Palmer seconded the motion and upon vote taken, a majority vote was observed.

After completion of information provided by Mr. Hendrix in Executive Session, **Buddy Palmer made a motion that the Board move out of Executive Session.** Guy Harris seconded the motion and upon vote taken, a majority vote was observed.

Committee Reports:

No standing committees had any business items to report this month.

Auditor's Report: Greg Jarrell provided Directors with a copy of the TEPA Monthly Highlights Report, prepared by Franks, Franks, Jarrell and Wilemon for the month ending March 2016 and provided an explanation of various details contained in the report.

Directors had no questions or comments for Mr. Jarrell concerning his report.

Manager's Report: Long reported to the Board on the following matters:

- Provided Directors with news of Director Estes as a patient in NMMC being treated for pneumonia.
- Provide the Board with information for a signing ceremony at the capitol with Governor Bryant to commemorate to passage of the new legislation which restates portions of the Electric Power Association Act. Any Directors that wish to attend and be included in the ceremony are invited to attend.
- Long provided to the Board general information concerning two (2) employees that have been terminated since the last Board meeting. Both actions were due to the employees not adhering to specific written policies.

- Made the Board aware of a funds matching program sponsored by Co-Bank for the benefit of the Electric Power Association of Mississippi Foundation. As a result, and upon hearing the specifics of Co Bank matching program effort, **F. G. Wiygul made a motion that the Association make a contribution to The Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 and that this contribution also be made on an annual basis.** Steve Holland seconded the motion and upon vote taken, a majority vote was observed.
- Provided the Board with general information concerning jobs to be filled at TEPA in the near future...all being new hires and entry level positions in the Right-of-Way clearing work-area.

Matters of Mutual Concern: There being no further business, **F. G. Wiygul made a motion that the June 2016 Board meeting be held at the Fulton Branch Office.** Don Spradling seconded the motion and upon vote taken a majority vote was observed.

Pat Carr, President

F. G. Wiygul, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer