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# **SOUTH UTAH VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEETING**

### **July 08, 2025**

South Utah Valley Electric Service District (SESD) held its monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 08, 2025 – at 11:00 a.m. at the SESD office 803 N 500 E – Payson, UT.

**Trustees Present:** Richard Behling, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Kenny Seng, Cory Thompson, and Brent Winder (via Zoom).

**Trustees Excused:** Joel Brown

**Also Present:** Dan Ellsworth, Brook Christensen, Mark Holdaway, and Greg Stanton – SESD

Ray Loveless opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked Brent Gordon to offer the prayer. Greg Stanton led the group in *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

#### **APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Ray Loveless asked if anyone had any questions about the June 10, 2025, Board Meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

**MOTION** to approve the June 10, 2025, Board Meeting minutes.

**Richard Behling made a motion seconded by Brent Gordon to approve the June 10, 2025, Board Meeting minutes. Richard Behling, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Kenny Seng, Cory Thompson, and Brent Winder approved the motion.**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

##### **Review June 2025 Disbursements and Expenses**

In reviewing the July 2025 Disbursements, some of The Board asked about a computer repair reimbursement for Steve Moon of Woodland Hills. Mark Holdaway explained that some of his computer components were ruined when the Loafer Canyon power line burned up. The Board reminded the staff that SESD cannot be responsible for equipment damage due to power issues since most, if not all, power issues are beyond SESD's control. It was determined that moving forward, SESD will not reimburse people for equipment damage due to power irregularities.

The Board reviewed disbursements to Christiansen Law for mediation expenses, Ludlow Engineering for an SESD property survey, and a deposit reimbursement.

**MOTION** to approve the June 2025 Disbursements & Expenses.

**Brent Gordon made a motion seconded by Kenny Seng to approve the June 2025 disbursements & expenses. Richard Behling, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Kenny Seng, Cory Thompson, and Brent Winder approved the motion.**

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## *Review June 2025 Financial Report*

Brent Gordon reported that SESD's financial year ended on July 30th. He said SESD stayed within budget and that it would not need to hold a hearing to amend its FY 2025 Budget. Ray Loveless asked Mark Holdaway if anything in the financial statements surprised him. Mark stated that new construction had stayed unexpectedly strong for another financial year in row which resulted in higher-than-projected New Construction revenue. Ray Loveless reported that SESD's FY 2026 Budget was officially approved at a hearing held on June 30, 2025.

**MOTION** to accept the June 2025 Financial Report.

**Brent Gordon made a motion seconded by Richard Behling to accept the June 2025 Financial Report. Richard Behling, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Kenny Seng, Cory Thompson, and Brent Winder approved the motion.**

## **RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

### *May 2025 Operations Report*

Mark Holdaway reported that May's power costs were about \$0.02/kWh cheaper than April's power costs. Since the weather is warming up, people are starting to use more air conditioning, and SESD's load is more closely matching power resource. The Board reviewed SESD customer net meter sales, the Steel A and Steel B solar resources, and the cost and generation from each of SESD's resources. It was determined that SESD's net metering credits match very closely to what SESD pays for its other renewable resources.

The Board also discussed the increasing power demand from data centers, the future of nuclear energy and other baseload resources, and SESD's negotiations with UAMPS and Deseret Power for load-following generation.

**MOTION** to accept the May 2025 Operations Report.

**Brent Winder made a motion seconded by Kenny Seng to accept the May 2025 Operations Report. Richard Behling, Brent Gordon, Ray Loveless, Kenny Seng, Cory Thompson, and Brent Winder approved the motion.**

Cory Thompson said Elk Ridge City wants to improve its responsiveness to emergencies and asked him to chair the Elk Ridge Risk Mitigation Committee. Cory asked if SESD staff would be willing to be a part of the committee. Dan Ellsworth said SESD would be happy to join the committee and work with Elk Ridge City.

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ray Loveless reported that Kenny Seng is stepping down from SESD's Board at the end of September. Ray said that with the incorporation of Spring Lake, municipal takeover of SESD territory, and rapid growth in certain parts of SESD's service area, SESD's voting districts need to be reorganized. Ray asked Mark Holdaway to contact LeGrand Bitter of the UASD and arrange a time for him to meet with the Board to discuss voting district realignment. Ray also said the Executive Committee will be working with Dan Ellsworth and Mark Holdaway in the coming months to finalize succession plans for key positions in the District.

Ray Loveless stated that the Board approved the SESD Trustee Compensation Policy in a public hearing on June 30, 2025. Since that time, some of the Board have asked for clarification about what duties are covered under the standard \$6,000/year and what duties are covered under the additional \$50/hour. It was determined that the Board would be paid \$6,000/year for attending one board meeting and one committee meeting each month. This compensation would also cover time spent reviewing minutes, reports, and other documents to be discussed in the standard monthly board and committee meetings. Any other time spent on Board service (i.e. additional meetings, training, etc.) would be compensated for at the hourly rate.

## **UAMPS REPORT**

Ray Loveless reported that Mike Squires of UAMPS sent out an invitation to UAMPS member elected officials to attend a town hall meeting being held by Congressman Burgess Owens in Fairview on August 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Ray said the meeting is open to the public and invited all the Board to attend. Ray said UAMPS has approved the formation of the AMI Investigation Committee and All-in Power Committee. The AMI committee will finalize costs for those members wanting to finance AMI infrastructure through UAMPS while the All-in Power Committee will explore the transition from project-based generation to all-in power generation. Ray then invited the Board to attend the UAMPS Annual Conference being held at the Palisades Ski Resort near Lake Tahoe, California, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **CREDA REPORT**

Ray Loveless reported that he attended the CREDA meetings held in Grand Junction, Colorado near the end of June. Richard Behling attended a portion of the meetings electronically. Ray stated that attendees learned about remote dam control and hydro generation at a tour of Morrow Point Dam. He said CREDA also discussed smallmouth bass control, the effects of severe drought and fish management on Glen Canyon hydro generation (fish management cost CRSP \$19 million in lost generation), and WAPA transmission rates. Ray and Richard explained that future smallmouth bass control efforts may be jeopardized by fish adaptation to cooler water and possibly decreased funding for the project.

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## **SUVPS REPORT**

Brook Christensen reported on the following SUVPS activities: the 100 ft. bucket truck on order arrived and is being stored in Salem for now; the bidding process to hire a company to construct a 138 kV line from the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon to the Taylor Switch Rack is underway; and negotiations for a property purchase near the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon are still in process.

## **POWER SYSTEM REPORT**

### **Outage Report**

Greg Stanton reported that a major wind even in West Mountain, Lake Shore, and Palmyra blew down trees taking out power lines on the north end of West Mountain, in Palmyra, and around Utah Avenue. This summer's extreme heat caused six pole-mount transformers to burn-up during the first week of July. When asked about transformers in stock, Brook Christensen explained the line crew keeps an adequate number of transformers to cover outages and maintenance.

Brook reported that CMC is getting ready to pay for materials and move forward with a power line extension to its batch plant near Goose Point on the west side of West Mountain. The plant is projected to use 1.5 MW of power.

## **LEGAL UPDATE**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Richard Behling made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Kenny Seng.  
Ray Loveless adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.**

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Ray Loveless, Chairman

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Mark Holdaway, Clerk

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## **Next Meeting Date**

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m.