

BERKSHIRE WIND POWER COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

VIA REMOTE PARTICIPATION

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

1:00 PM

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

1a. CALL TO ORDER

After a roll call of those present on the remote link, Chairman Driscoll declared a quorum present and called the Regular Session of the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation Board of Directors Meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Those present:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Driscoll, Templeton; Peter Dion, Wakefield; Jon Blair, Ipswich; Panos Tokadjian, Hull; and Ronald C. DeCurzio, MMWEC.

OTHERS

Brian Quinn, Director, Engineering & Generation Assets; Jason Viadero, Engineering Supervisor; Matthew Ide, Executive Director – Energy & Financial Markets and Kate Roy, Director of Communications & External Affairs, all of MMWEC; and Nicholas J. Scobbo, Jr., Clerk and Tammy Kane, Recording Secretary, Ferriter Scobbo & Rodophele, PC.

1b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Tokadjian and seconded by Blair and because this is a remote participation meeting on the basis of a roll-call vote as follows it was unanimously voted to approve the Agenda as presented.

Blair	“aye”
DeCurzio	“aye”
Dion	“aye”
Driscoll	“aye”
Tokadjian	“aye”

1c. APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND BOARD PORTION OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of October 28, 2021 and the Board portion only of the November 18, 2021 Joint Board of Directors and Membership Meeting was made by Blair and seconded by Dion and because this is a remote participation meeting it was unanimously voted on the basis of a roll-call vote as follows to approve the Minutes as presented:

Blair	"aye"
DeCurzio	"aye"
Dion	"aye"
Driscoll	"aye"
Tokadjian	"aye"

1d. ACTIVITIES REPORT

Viadero reported the Phase 1 Capacity Factor YTD was 28.20%, and Availability Factor YTD was 59.53%. Phase 2 Capacity Factor YTD was 9.38% Availability Factor YTD was 61.37%. Viadero stated these figures from the reports distributed show the Phase 1 and Phase 2 difficulties, some attributed to weather events. All turbines are operating with the exception of Tower 5A. MMWEC is frustrated with the lack of help and manpower from GE. Generation was historically low due to decreased availability. Quinn has engaged executive level GE personnel. Despite MMWEC's contract with GE for maintenance, field support and engineering, wait times are very long, in part due to GE staffing shortages. Generally, MMWEC and its major suppliers are also experiencing staffing shortages. As a result of previous MMWEC staff training at the mountain, MMWEC was able to complete required tasks with subcontractors assisting MMWEC staff. Driscoll asked if the difficulties pertain to both Phase 1 and Phase 2. Viadero replied yes. Phase 2 production has been historically low. The Cooperative is still experiencing vibration issues resulting in occasional trips. MMWEC has engaged a dedicated GE engineer out of New York to locate the root cause. MMWEC is questioning if Phase 2 work was done properly.

1e. BERKSHIRE WIND SCHOLARSHIP

Roy stated in the past MMWEC awarded scholarships to two (2) local high schools, Minnechaug Regional Highschool and Mount Greylock Regional High School. Roy stated due to the ongoing difficulty in getting applicants MMWEC has decided going forward it will award one (1) scholarship. The scholarship will be \$1,000 per year to a student at Mount Greylock Regional High School. The preference is to award the scholarship to a student with an interest in engineering, environmental science, finance or accounting. DeCurzio stated the scholarships began long ago as gesture of goodwill to the three (3) towns town affected by the construction of an MMWEC pipeline. There was a brief discussion regarding candidates. Blair suggested the recipient be low-income and/or the resident of an Environmental Justice community. Scobbo was asked if such a distinction could be made. Scobbo stated he thought it could. Roy stated she would confirm this.

Whereupon a motion was made by Tokadjian and seconded by Blair and because this is a remote participation meeting and on the basis of a roll-call vote as follows it was unanimously voted:

Vote 22-01 To approve and place \$1,000 into the Operations and Maintenance budget to award a yearly scholarship to a student at Mount Greylock Regional High who meets the criteria defined by the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation Board of Directors.

Blair	“aye”
DeCurzio	“aye”
Dion	“aye”
Driscoll	“aye”
Tokadjian	“aye”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Blair and seconded by Tokadjian for the Board of Directors to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing strategy with respect to litigation, the potential purchase, exchange or lease of real property, trade secrets and confidential, corporate-sensitive information where the corporation has determined that disclosure will have an adverse effect on the corporation’s ability to conduct its business with respect to competitors and to reconvene the Board of Directors Meeting into Regular Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session for purposes of adjournment and on the basis of a roll-call vote as follows:

Blair	“aye”
DeCurzio	“aye”
Dion	“aye”
Driscoll	“aye”
Tokadjian	“aye”

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 1:16 PM.

The Regular Session of the Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 1:52 PM.

3. OTHER

There was no other business to discuss.

4. ADJOURNMENT

All business having been concluded, a motion was made by Tokadjian and seconded by DeCurzio to adjourn the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation Board of Directors meeting and because this is a remote participation meeting on the basis of a voice vote as follows the motion was approved.

Blair	"aye"
DeCurzio	"aye"
Dion	"aye"
Driscoll	"aye"
Tokadjian	"aye"

Chairman Driscoll declared the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation Board Directors meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.

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ATTEST:



Nicholas J. Scobbo, Jr.
Clerk, Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation