



*M-RETS efficiently tracks and verifies renewable energy generation in collaboration with stakeholders, facilitating renewable energy development in the public interest.*

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

1:30 P.M. Central

Via GoToMeeting Webconference

### **Board Members**

#### *Present:*

- (1) Deborah Erwin, **WI-PSC**, *President*
- (2) Pat Keily, **We-Energies**, *Vice President*
- (3) Brian Rounds, **SDPUC**, *Secretary*
- (4) Dan Heim, **Exelon**
- (5) Jeff Cottes, **Manitoba Province Energy Division**
- (6) Larry Johnston, **SMMPA**
- (7) Eric Jensen, **IWLA**
- (8) Ron Franz, **Dairyland Power Cooperative**
- (9) Janet McGurk, **IUB**

#### *Absent:*

- (1) Susan Mackenzie, **MNPUC**

#### *Others Present:*

- (1) Amy Fredregill, **M-RETS, Inc.**, *Executive Director*
- (2) Zara Scharf, **M-RETS, Inc.**, *Program Analyst*
- (3) Eric Schroeder, **GPI**, *Treasurer*
- (4) John Richards, **Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company**, *Subscriber Group Chair* (left at 2:42 after item 5)
- (5) Connie Peotter, **WPS**, *Subscriber Group Vice Chair* (left at 2:42 after item 5)

### **Proceedings**

Deb called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - a. No changes were suggested to the agenda or minutes.
  - b. MOTION by Janet to approve the agenda as presented – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion passed on a voice vote.
  - c. MOTION by Pat to approve the May 13, 2013, minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **Open Session**

2. President's Report
  - a. Deb reported that this is her first week back at work, so she is still splitting some tasks with Pat.
  - b. We are still looking at trying to find a date in October that works for everyone. Amy will be sending out a survey to determine availability for the last week in October.
3. Management Report
  - a. Amy walked through a number of slides to highlight certain portions of her recent work.

- b. Question about feedback from APX on the fixed fee proposal. Amy reported on the regular check-in meetings with APX.
  - c. Amy thanked Pat for his commitment and leadership while Deb was on leave.
  - d. Government nomination letters were sent to MN, SD, and WI on behalf of the President (Pat sent the letter WI). Work also began on Subscriber Group outreach for nominations for co-op and marketer/generator directors.
  - e. Amy discussed current plans for the October in-person meetings, likely to be held in Rochester, MN.
4. Governance
- a. Jeff reported the latest actions taken by the Governance Committee.
    - (1) The Committee pared down the work plan by dividing the tasks into critical and aspirational tasks.
    - (2) Following the committee's decision on a final workplan, they will look for feedback from the full board.
  - b. Deb explained how the board member & officer elections were moved back to August starting this year so new members can participate in the in-person meeting in October.
  - c. A discussion followed about what the Governance Committee is planning to do for taking nominations for the officer nominations. The committee has not made any plans yet. A suggestion was made to hold the officer elections at a meeting after the director election meeting. The director elections will be held in August, so the committee will discuss this prior to the August board meeting.
5. Indiana Tracking Request
- a. The Executive Committee discussed this request prior to Staff's work on the memo and made a high level recommendation to approve the request, barring unforeseen concerns that might be raised by staff research.
  - b. Amy provided an update to the memo. She had spoken to Ken Schuyler at PJM-GATS to make them aware of the request the board is considering for M-RETS to track credits for generation located in the MISO portion of Indiana. The only concern they had was to make sure we prevent double counting of RECs where a generator could attempt to generate RECs in both systems. As long as public reports are robust enough so tracking systems can see what generators are registering in other systems, there should be no problem. APX provides protection by searching public reports, and Staff is working on potential enhancements for making our public reports better for other systems.
  - c. Amy and Zara walked through parts of their memo and highlighted that this was coming from a current Account Holder whose needs are not currently being met because of their inability to track Indiana-based generation in MRETS.
  - d. Many board members spoke in favor of tracking Indiana generation. It should be noted that there was consensus that the board's action in this matter was not meant to be precedential in any way.
  - e. Question of when the right time to speak with Indiana regulators would be. Suggestion by Larry to approve the request, then speak with Indiana regulators and other stakeholders soon thereafter. Deb and Janet expressed agreement.
  - f. MOTION by Larry to approve the request from IPL – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron. Motion passed on a voice vote.

#### **Closed Session – Board, Officers and Staff only**

6. Fixed Fee Contract
- a. Deb walked through Staff's current questions and highlights.
  - b. Amy discussed a couple of additional points in detail.

- c. Deb called out a number of points and asked for feedback on the addendum prior to the August board meeting. Deb asked that if anyone was interested in having a call to discuss the draft addendum in detail, to let her know by COB next Monday, July 15.
7. Audit
- a. Ron reported the finance committee met with the auditor on June 6, and an unmodified opinion was given to the committee; this is the highest opinion we can be given and is an improvement upon our audit last year, which was also excellent.
  - b. The board will see the audit soon so they have several weeks to review it.

**Executive Session – the Board entered into executive session at 3:23 PM.**

8. Adjourn
- a. MOTION by Deb to adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed on a voice vote.

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM. Minutes submitted by Brian Rounds.*