



## Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2022

### Board of Directors:

	Vacant, Barton		Jonathan Elwell, Lyndonville
<b>X</b>	John Dasaro, Enosburg	<b>X</b>	Scott Johnstone, Morrisville
<b>P</b>	Mike Sullivan, Hardwick	<b>X</b>	Stephen Fitzhugh, Northfield
	Vacant, Jacksonville	<b>X</b>	John Morley, Orleans
	Vacant, Johnson	<b>X</b>	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton
<b>X</b>	Thomas Petraska, Ludlow		

*X indicates attendance in person, P indicates attendance by phone.*

### Alternates present:

Penny Jones, Morrisville (X)	Lynn Paradis, Swanton (X)

### Others present:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA (X)	Crystal Currier, VPPSA (X)	Amy Parah, VPPSA (P)
Sarah Braese, VPPSA (X)	Julia Leopold, VPPSA (X)	Marc Gerken, Hometown Connections (X)
Steve Farman, VPPSA (X)	Amanda Simard, VPPSA (X)	Ken St. Amour, VPPSA (X)
Alex Nicholson, VPPSA (X)	Josh Bancroft, VPPSA (X)	Kim Harris, VPPSA (P)
Shawn Enterline, VPPSA (X)	Heather D'Arcy, VPPSA (X)	

### Numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers:

- 1.** Chairman Beliveau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Beliveau asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. No other changes were requested.

- 2.** Chairman Beliveau asked if there were public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There were no public comments.

- 3.** The General Manager started the meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves and where they are from. He then introduced Marc Gerken from Hometown Connections.

Mr. Gerken provided a short background on himself and a brief update on the key topics that were voiced at the APPA National Conference. The General Manager expanded on the list and the primary topics that were discussed at the conference include:



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- Workforce challenges
- Power Supply
- Renewable Energy Standards
- Hydro Relicensing
- Cyber Security
- Transmission Costs

The General Manager provided a brief update on VPPSA's specific initiatives- those include:

- Power Supply Portfolios
- AMI
- Communications
- IRPs
- Rate Cases
- GIS
- Management Services
- Renewable Energy Standards
- Succession Planning

The Directors were asked to identify what they felt the primary need for their utility is - the needs identified included:

Power Supply  
CIS/Billing System  
Renewable Energy Standards  
Battery Backup  
Analytics  
Cyber/IT Program/OP  
Rate Increases  
Seabrook  
Promoting/Communications  
Legislative/Regulatory  
Innovation/Technology

There was a lengthy discussion in an attempt to prioritize the list of Member needs. This discussion resulted in the following categorization:

1. Power Supply
2. AMI
3. Cyber/IT/OP Programs
4. Business Systems
  - a. CIS/Billing
  - b. Rates w/EV, Realtime, etc.
5. Innovation
  - a. GIS
  - b. Analytics
  - c. Technology Roadmap
6. Organization/Succession Planning
7. Communication
8. Training

VPPSA was asked to identify the services they provide that they believe to be critical - they include:

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- Renewable Energy Standards
- Legislative/Regulatory
- Analytics
- Communications/PR
- Grant Management
- Key Accounts
- Demand Response

It was noted that the VPPSA staff will take this information as a basis for further staff discussion.

#### 4. Other Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crystal Currier, Secretary