

MINUTES  
THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA  
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A MUNICIPAL  
ELECTRIC UTILITY MEETING,  
MARCH 20, 2012  
6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Meg Gilbert called meeting to order 6:02pm

PRESENT: Meg Gilbert, David Teel, Abbie Zeltzer, Carolyn Shafer, Jerry Rodman. A few minutes into meeting Bob Ollerton showed up.

MINUTES APPROVED: Abbie motioned to accept the minutes from the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carolyn seconded them. All present said aye.

TIMELINE: We revisited the timeline. Carolyn reported.

- Our contract with SSVEC ends September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- We must file 3 months before the council approved election to get on the ballot.
- The election must be published 30 days prior to the election date.
- The election must be one of these dates:
  - 1) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March, (**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**).
  - 2) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May, (**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**).
  - 3) The 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November. (**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013**).
  - 4) The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November. (**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**), (**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**).
- We can operate without a contract with SSVEC (the electricity will still be on).
- If this committee and the council votes to go forward with KR Saline's contract we will have the results of their report by mid-May, 2012.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON K.R, SALINE/ENERGY OUTFITTERS, LLC. SCOPE OF WORK LETTER:

Jerry reviewed his communication with KR Saline's Jeffrey Woner and Dennis Delaney. Two simple changes were made on the scope of work letter. Bob made a motion to present the scope of work to the Patagonia Town Council with this committee's recommendation to vote for hiring KR Saline to do the proposed work. Carolyn seconded the motion. All present voted aye.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WORK PROGRAM: The committee discussed a campaign to collect data on power outages. Abbie volunteered Mae Ploy to design posters that will be posted around town to create awareness. Abbie will also post small preprinted squares for data collection that can be returned to the library. The data needed includes: date and time of outage, length of outage, address where data was collected and name of person reporting. Carolyn agreed to create an on line way to report

outages on the “Resource” site: <http://resourceeasternsantacruzcounty.ning.com/> .  
David Teel will mention it on his radio show.

6:17 Deborah Fain, Ted Piper and Kevin McKay arrived.

6:18pm Jack Blair and David Bane of SSVEC arrived.

**DISCUSSION WITH SSVEC REPRESENTATIVES:** Deborah had communicated with David and Jack so they knew our goals as a committee. They addressed each of our goals in a handout they had prepared for us. See attached handout.

Jack and David invited us to tour the Sonoita Substation and the AEPCO Power Plant, a coal fired plant that SSVEC buys most of its electricity from. We invited them to set up a table at our Earth Day festivities. Jack agreed to get us a figure on how much energy could be run on the lines between Patagonia and Sonoita. SSVEC’s main concern regarding the Town possibly converting to aggregate net metering was the expense they would incur in modifying their billing system.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 6pm at the Library

**ADJOURN:** Deborah made a motion and Carolyn seconded it to Adjourn at 8pm.