

MINUTES
THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A MUNICIPAL
ELECTRIC UTILITY MEETING,
FEBRUARY 21, 2012
6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Meg Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

PRESENT: Jerry Rodman, Ann Gosline, Fred McGee, Carolyn Shafer, Meg Gilbert, Kevin McKay, Bob Ollerton, Abbie Zeltzer, Dave Teel, Guest speakers: Dennis Delaney and Jeffrey Woner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 7th meeting. Jerry 2nd it. All present said Aye.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT PERFORMING A FEASIBILITY STUDY: Dennis Delaney and Jeffrey Woner joined us from Mesa Az. They are Electric Utility Consultants from K.R. Saline and Associates, PLC. They were recommended highly during the field trip to Thatcher and Safford. K. R. Saline & Associates, PLC provides electrical engineering services, management consulting, Geographic Information Systems development and support, and ongoing business operational services primarily to wholesale public electric utilities. They have performed various engineering and economic analyses as well as feasibility studies for their clients and represented their interests before state and federal agencies. The firm has been involved in regional transmission, distribution, and power supply planning since 1991. K. R. Saline and Associates, PLC has been able to negotiate very successful programs and policies on behalf of their clients. They were very well informed about all we are researching.

There was general discussion about this committee's long range goals and how they could most effectively and efficiently be met. . At the termination of the discussion Dennis and Jeffrey offered to write a document detailing information about the solution of aggregated net metering. That document will be discussed at this Committee's next meeting and thereafter shared with the Town Council. If we and the council vote to approve the idea KR Saline will go ahead and put in the time needed to create a formal proposal. They anticipated this would cost approximately \$2000.

The idea involves an agreement with SSVEC approved by the ACC allowing an experimental aggregate metering. The Town would have one meter at the end of town or just aggregate all the meters and we could

generate power via solar or other renewables on our side of the meter. We could be a solar city model.

We were encouraged to document the length and number of power outages over time and let the ACC know. How much would it cost to improve the power line from Sonoita to here is a question that would be an important negotiating item.

AGENDA ITEMS: Discuss proposal from KR Saline and Associates. Discuss campaign to report outages.

NEXT MEETING: March 6th 2012, 6pm library.

ADJOURN: Kevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm. It was seconded by Carolyn. All present said Aye.