A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the IPEA was held pursuant to proper notice at the IMEA headquarters building, 3400 Conifer Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on February 19, 2020. Chairman Cory Sheehy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not physically present. At that time, Sheehy requested IPEA staff present reports and delay any action items until later in the meeting anticipating a quorum would be reached.

Greg Hazel introduced Jake McCoy as the Assistant Director of Public Works for the Village of Rantoul.

The Treasurer’s Report for November was presented by Tia King. She reported that the cash balance was $439,614 which reflects an increase of $46,438 from the previous year. King stated that gas revenues had decreased by 11% from the previous November. King also reported that Dth sales had increased by 15% from the previous year and the price per Dth had decreased by $.92 from the previous year.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:** Chairman Cory Sheehy stated that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, any person in attendance at a meeting shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. He then asked if anyone would like to make a comment and hearing none, the meeting continued.

**President & CEO’s Report:** CEO Gaden gave an update on FERC matters stating that James Danly had been re-nominated to be reviewed by the Senate Committee for consideration of confirmation as a FERC Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2023. He reported that Commissioner McNamee has announced he will not seek another FERC term beyond June 30, 2020 although he would stay on through the end of the Congressional session if needed. He discussed rumors that FERC Chair Chatterjee might be leaving in the near future and since the Commission needs 3 commissioners to maintain a quorum, this could have an effect on pending pipeline tariff rate cases.

Regarding State issues, CEO Gaden reported that inspection audits on systems have increased with an emphasis on records management and reminded members to be prepared. He reminded members to plan to attend the combined annual meeting scheduled in May of 2020 and stated that Mike Genin will discuss sponsorship at the APGA Annual Conference to be held in Chicago in July 2020. He also reviewed the IPEA goals for the upcoming year and discussed an article written by Samuel Davis Jr., Chairman of the APGA Board of Directors regarding natural gas bans on both coasts specifically with regard to forced electrification.
Market Update: Brian Habacivch of the Commodities Management Group from Constellation discussed various short term weather patterns and stated that the current winter weather may be in the top 5 warmest since 1950. He discussed the impact on energy markets due to the coronavirus which may result in the first decline in oil demand in over 10 years. The virus has disrupted the Chinese economy and could impact global growth, although LNG exports have remained consistent so far in 2020.

Habacivch reported that storage was on track to finish March at 2 TCF and then potentially set a new all-time high of 4.1 BCF by October. Power burns will likely be a key factor in managing supply this April-October injection season and production is declining due to a reduction in rigs and uncompleted wells. He discussed NYMEX prices and reported the amount of days since 2000 that natural gas prices have gotten below $2. Regarding NYMEX calendar strips, he stated that the last time the 12-month strip was this low was back in the winter of 2015/2016 when an oversupplied market met a much warmer-than-normal winter. For the past five years, the 12-month strip has averaged $2.92/MBtu this week and robust regional storage is the key reason for the downward pressure. He also presented charts showing a six-month history of forward power price trends.

Legislative & Regulatory: Staci Wilson gave an update on federal issues stating that the Climate Leadership & Environmental Action for the Nation’s (CLEAN) Future Act had been introduced in the House Committee on Energy & Commerce. This is a comprehensive proposal of sector-specific and economy-wide solutions to address the climate crisis. This Act would regulate electric utility emissions, implement a State Climate Plan (SCP) program and formally adopt the goal of achieving a 100 percent clean economy by 2050. It would also establish national energy savings targets with a requirement of zero-emissions buildings by 2030, allow states to retain individual appliance energy standards and require FERC to consider climate change in its public interest determinant under the Natural Gas Act. The Committee has requested feedback and references the intent to hold hearings on this legislation.

Wilson reported on Section 5 reform stating that Rich Worsinger, Director of Wilson Energy from North Carolina had testified on behalf of APGA at a House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee hearing on Energy. He focused on the need for Congress to pass legislation amending the Natural Gas Act to make it consistent with the Federal Power Act so that FERC would order refunds when it has been proven that consumers were overcharged for the regulated transportation of energy to their homes and businesses. Staci Wilson stated that the Dept. of Energy and its Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy had published a final rule that updates and streamlines aspects of the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program’s current rule making process. This rule impacts efficiency standards for natural gas fired furnaces and water heaters.
Wilson discussed that APGA is trying to repeal Section 433 of the Energy & Security Act which bans the use of fossil fuels in federal buildings after 2030. A draft energy package is expected to be released fairly soon by the Senate. In that bill, it includes the repeal of Section 433 along with some language dealing with building codes and increases the Dept. of Energy’s role as an advocate for specific building code proposals.

Regarding State issues, Wilson stated that broad energy legislation would be debated during the Spring legislative session and that Don Harmon had recently been named the Illinois Senate President.

**Interstate Pipeline Rate Increases** – Mike Genin reported that Northern Natural Gas (NNG) had filed for a 100% pipeline tariff increase which will impact Rock Energy and Jo Carroll Energy. NNG has agreed to begin charging a reduced increase in January subject to refund. Genin stated that Panhandle Eastern Pipeline had filed for a 100-500% increase which will impact Bushnell, Edinburg and Roodhouse. IPEA staff met with member councils, created a working group and scheduled a call with Blue Planet Energy. Municipalities are currently deciding which option to pursue and will then join an intervention group.

**2020 APGA Annual Conference Sponsorship** – Mike Genin reported that the 2020 APGA Annual Conference will be held in Chicago on July 19-22. IPEA staff is recommending that the Board consider a sponsorship and discussed various levels of participation. IPEA staff also recommended that IPEA pay the registration fee for one (1) person per customer, including municipalities and coops, to attend. The recommendation was to fund a $5,000 sponsorship and one (1) IPEA member registration fee per customer, including municipalities and coops. Handouts of the draft revised 2020 budget and two (2) proposed budgets for fiscal year 2021 budget were circulated. One of the proposed FY21 budgets included the APGA sponsorship and registration recommendations and the other one did not. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Board to approve staff recommendations, but delayed any action until a quorum at the meeting was attained.

**2020 IMEA/IMUA/IPEA Annual Conference** – Mike Genin reported that this year’s annual conference would be held in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza on May 14 and 15, 2020. Constellation and Panhandle have made donations and Brian Habacivich from Constellation will be a speaker. Dave Schryver, the CEO of APGA and Joy Ditto, CEO of APPA will both be speakers as well. Genin explained that the IPEA Board meeting will be held on April 29, 2020 at noon in conjunction with the IMEA Executive Board and full IMEA Board along with the IMUA meeting already scheduled.

Chairman Sheehy acknowledged that a physical quorum had been reached with the arrival of Mayor Richard Glazebrook, the representative from Sullivan, at 1:00 p.m. Staff then reviewed the APGA sponsorship recommendations for consideration. Justin Griffith made a motion approving the funding of a $5,000 APGA sponsorship and registration fees for one (1) member from all municipalities or coop purchasers, seconded by Greg Hazel. The voice vote was unanimously in favor. The budget will reflect these changes which will be presented for approval at the April Board meeting.

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Bob Coble made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Greg Hazel. The voice vote showed all in favor.

Justin Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019, seconded by Greg Hazel. The voice vote showed all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m. by a motion from Greg Hazel. Mayor Richard Glazebrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

[Signature]
Secretary/Treasurer
ILLOINOIS PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bushnell  Justin Griffith
Flora      Bob Coble
Marshall   Cory Sheehy
Rantoul    Greg Hazel
Roodhouse  Mayor Tom Martin
Sullivan   Mayor Richard Glazebrook (arrived at 1:00 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bethany   Shannon Risley
Casey     Shelby Biggs
Edinburg  Mike Lebsiere
Fairfield Mayor Brent Maguire (listening via teleconference)
Greenup   Mike Ryder
Martinsville Terry Gard

OTHERS PRESENT (or listening via teleconference)

Constellation Brian Habacivch (listened via teleconference)
Constellation Brian Hirshberg (listened via teleconference)
Rantoul    Jake McCoy
IPEA        Kevin Gaden
IPEA        Troy Fodor
IPEA        Mike Genin
IPEA        Staci Wilson
IPEA        Tia King
IPEA        Chris Wise
IPEA        Tammy Hall
IPEA        Rodd Whelpley