

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

The Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Ben Benoit at WRCOG's Office, Citrus Conference Room.

**Board of Directors present:**

Todd Rigby, City of Eastvale  
Bonnie Wright, City of Hemet  
Chris Barajas, City of Jurupa Valley  
Ted Hoffman, City of Norco  
Rita Rogers, City of Perris  
Ben Benoit, City of Wildomar (Chair)

**Technical Advisory Committee Members present:**

Bryan Jones, City of Eastvale (1:26 p.m. arrival)  
Clara Miramontes, City of Perris  
Gary Nordquist, City of Wildomar

**Staff present:**

Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger  
Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director  
Barbara Spoonhour, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director - Operations  
Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Janis Leonard, WRCOG Administrative Services Manager  
Tyler Masters, WRCOG Program Manager  
Suzy Nelson, WRCOG Administrative Assistant

**Guests present:**

Ryan Baron, Best Best & Krieger  
Craig Martin, Pilot Power

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Rita Rogers led the Board, Committee members, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**4. MINUTES** – *(Perris / Hemet) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 4.A was approved. The City of Canyon Lake was not present.*

**A. Summary Minutes from the June 12, 2019, Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee are Available for Consideration.**

**Action:**     *1.     Approved the Summary Minutes from the June 12, 2019, Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.*

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Norco / Perris) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A – 5.D were approved. The City of Canyon Lake was not present.

**A. Financial Summary Update**

**Action:** 1. Received and filed.

**B. Program Schedule Update**

**Action:** 1. Received and filed.

**C. Marketing and Outreach Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. Received and filed.

**D. Legislative Update**

**Action:** 1. Received and filed.

**6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

**A. Selection of a Portfolio Manager and Scheduling Coordinator**

Barbara Spoonhour reported that back in 2017 staff released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Operational solicitation. The Energy Authority (TEA) was selected as the Portfolio Manager and Calpine Solutions was selected as the Data Management Consultant. WCE and TEA were unable to come to an agreed upon Agreement. Staff released a new RFP in May 2019 for a new Portfolio Manager and Scheduling Coordinator services. The Portfolio Manager goes out into the market to procure energy contracts, manage, and ensure the energy is getting onto the grid, and runs proformas. The Scheduling Coordinator ensures what was purchased is put on to the grid.

Five proposals were received. Four were reviewed on July 2, 2019. Staff is recommending Pilot Power to provide Portfolio Manager and Scheduling Coordinator services. Pilot Power is currently operating another CCA and has taken it from the ground up through full implementation. Pilot Power's expertise is in the direct access market. Pilot Power's cost was very competitive and better than what was offered in prior solicitations. Pilot Power offers a credit solution which would alleviate the need to borrow funds from Barclay. Pilot Power offers a deferred payment plan, as well.

The Scope of Services include, but are not limited to, procuring power, scheduling power onto the grid, developing a risk management strategy and policy, and running proformas.

There is a slight change to requested action number three in that staff requests the Board authorize the Executive Director to both, negotiate and enter into an Agreement. WCE is currently in the Resource Adequacy process and requires registration with California ISO (CAISO) and needs a Scheduling Coordinator in place. There is a \$500,000 deposit payable to CAISO. Pilot Power is part of CAISO's contract and has agreed to make this deposit on behalf of WCE. There are deadlines in the month of July which must be met. If WCE waits until August, then it would be responsible for the deposit.

Director Ted Hoffman asked where Pilot Power is based out of.

Ms. Spoonhour responded that Pilot Power is based out of San Diego.

- Actions:**
1. Selected Pilot Power to provide Portfolio Manager and Scheduling Coordinator services.
  2. Authorized the Executive Director to begin negotiations with Pilot Power.
  3. Directed the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Agreement between Western Community Energy and Pilot Power.

*(Perris / Jurupa Valley) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.A was approved. The City of Canyon Lake was not present.*

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no reportable items. The next meeting of Western Community Energy will take place on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

## **8. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Rick Bishop reported that recent WCE survey results showed that 58% of those surveyed were in favor of a CCA, and they knew nothing of WCE. That is a high number given that people were hearing about this for the first time. After learning about WCE, the support increased to 64%. Of the remaining 36%, only 10% were not supportive of WCE. Of that remaining 25%, if only half of those support WCE, that brings the total support to approximately 75% of the residents. The support was not solely for cost savings; greenhouse gas emissions reductions and local control were also important. The residents loved the idea of choice and local control.

Director Rita Rogers indicated that that would be good information to share with city councils.

Mr. Bishop responded that staff are in the process of preparing individualized jurisdictional press releases and information.

## **9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas.

## **10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Ted Hoffman indicated that SoCal Gas is working on a bill in Sacramento to build more electric homes in an effort to balance energy.

Director Todd Rigby indicated that SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison are not working together on this bill.

Rick Bishop indicated that SoCal Gas representatives have asked WRCOG to adopt a resolution similar to what many jurisdictions have already adopted.

Director Rigby announced that the City of Eastvale recently held a Picnic in the Park event, and thanked Staff and Tyler Masters for hosting a WCE booth.

**11. NEXT MEETING:**            **The next Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at Western Riverside Council of Governments, Citrus Conference Room, 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**        **The Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:07 p.m.**