A General Session of the Board of Directors was held on June 29, 2017, at the Lower Valley Energy Jackson office. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board Chairman, Linda Schmidt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Brog, Peter Cook, Ted Ladd, Dean S. Lewis, Linda Schmidt, and Nancy Winters.

OTHERS PRESENT: James R. Webb, President/CEO; Steve Duerr, Attorney; Rick Knori, Director of Engineering; Bill Spaulding, Director of Operations; Brian Tanabe, Communications; Gay Petersen, Executive Assistant/HR; Shawn Taylor, WREA; Blake Weathers, NRU & NEMS; and Phil Cameron, ECW.

Minutes of the April 27, 2017, General Session were accepted as presented.

Minutes of the May 22, 2017, Telephonic General Session were accepted as presented.

James R. Webb introduced Blake Weathers with Northwest Requirement Utilities (NRU) and Northwest Energy Management Services (NEMS).

Blake Weathers gave an overview of NRU and NEMS accomplishments, market update and the up-coming BPA rate case and discussed possible effects on Lower Valley Energy’s power purchases.

James R. Webb reviewed the President/CEO report.

A motion was made and seconded to allow ECW to re-market our surplus green power and receive half of the premium. Motion carried.

Shawn Taylor, WREA President, reviewed several bills recently presented to the legislature and their outcomes. He also invited all board members to attend a legislative dinner to be held in Jackson on August 31, 2017. He will attend Lower Valley Energy’s board meeting that day to present some discussion points.

The Board reviewed the annual meeting agenda for this evening.

Jon Hougland reviewed the 2016 Annual Report.

Jon Hougland reviewed the May 2017 financial statements.

James R. Webb presented the request from Teton County for a virtual net metering account. Steve Duerr reviewed the terms of the virtual net metering agreement. The finalized virtual net metering agreement will be presented to the Board at the August board meeting for their review.

James R. Webb reported on the progress with the BEC transition plan. He recapped all that Lower Valley has helped BEC achieve over the last two years.

James R. Webb reviewed the natural gas balancing accounts. He recommended a decrease of 6.47% for residential/small commercial, a decrease of 7.31% for large commercial and a decrease of 7.67% for summer interruptible.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed decrease in natural gas rates of 6.47% for residential/small commercial, a decrease of 7.31% for large commercial and a decrease of 7.67% for summer interruptible. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous. This motion was rescinded by a Board unanimous email vote on July 5, 2017.

James R. Webb and Jon Hougland reviewed the proposed natural gas hedging plan.
A motion was made and seconded to approve locking in the proposed hedging plan at 73% of Lower Valley Energy’s base natural gas load for three years. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

James R. Webb discussed the need for a CFC Letter of Credit to secure the USDA loan that Lower Valley Energy received to help ECW with conservation programs.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize management to sign the NRECA restatement and adoption agreement. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

Bill Spaulding reviewed the outage and safety report.

A motion was made and seconded to approve James R. Webb and Jon Hougland as CFC paying agents. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution needed to renew Lower Valley Energy’s Line of Credit with First Bank in Afton. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

Shawn Taylor reviewed the values that Lower Valley Energy receives from its membership in WREA and welcomed any suggestions for ways to increase that value. He handed out information on the many ways WREA increases value to all the Wyoming Cooperatives.

Nancy Winters reported on ICUA issues.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the NRECA voting delegates as presented. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 4:10 p.m.