

Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia
Annual Meeting
May 27, 2016 **Virginia Beach**
MINUTES

- I. MEPAV President, Brian O’Dell, called the meeting to order.
- II. Brian said that it was good to see everyone especially Danville and Bristol, and the conference is a good chance to see everyone and meet new people.
- III. Kimberly Pollard, executive secretary-treasurer, reported that as of May 24, 2016 MEPAV had \$115,000 in the LGIP and \$51,637.98 in the checking account for a total of \$166,637.98 in available funds.
- IV. A.K. Briele made a motion, seconded by Lynn Short, to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2016 meeting in Charlottesville. Motion carried.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Resolutions Committee – A.K. Briele, Chairman, presented all of the current officers with a certificate thanking them for their service over the last two years.
 - B. Nominations Committee – Lynn Short, Chairman, presented the slate of officers for 2016-18:

President – A.K. Briele, Salem
Vice-President – Joe Waltz, Front Royal
Executive Committee:
Mike Stover, Culpeper
Tim Logwood, Radford
Greg Disher, Danville
Brian O’Dell, Harrisonburg

Brian O’Dell made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by A.K. Briele.
- VI. New Business
 - A. A.K. Briele made a motion, seconded by Tim Logwood, that the MEPAV ad be placed in the October issue of *Virginia Town & City* magazine. Cost for the ad is \$1,750. Motion carried.
 - B. Lynn Short made a motion, seconded by Joe Waltz, to approve the budget for 2016-2017. Motion carried. It was explained that money would be shifted from the engineering and legal line item, which isn’t used quite as much anymore, and moved to the new training program line item.
 - C. Lynn Short made a motion to elect the slate officers for 2016-18. Seconded by Tim Logwood. Motion carried.

- D. Other business – Tom asked about rejoining Virginia Energy Efficiency Council (VAEEC) for \$250 for the coming year. A.K. Briele made a motion, seconded by Durwin Joyce to approve. The money will come out of the lobbying line item as was requested to be done last year. A.K. Briele made a motion, seconded by Joe Waltz to make Duane Dahlquist a MEPAV honorary member. Motion carried.
- VII. Tom reported that MEPAV had a successful General Assembly session. He updated members on legislation that came through the 2016 session (handout). He mentioned that all bad bills were amended to fix any problems or killed. He discussed the Bristol Virginia Utilities Authority (BVUA) legislation and noted the concern MEPAV had with the precedent of the adverse FCC pole attachment fee language in the legislation. He noted that we were successful in removing that language. He reported that there would be a special legislative subcommittee meeting in June on solar power, net metering and 3rd party purchase power agreement legislation that was continued to the 2017 General Assembly Session. Tom will be monitoring the subcommittee's work on these measures to make sure there is no adverse impact to the municipal electrics. He reported that there is a Wireless Communications Infrastructure Work Group that has been created to work out issues on proposed legislation introduced at the request of Sprint. Much of the purpose of the Work Group is to see if there are ways to simplify the approval process for large cell towers. The Work Group will also be focusing on the process for approval of small cell networks which could include antenna and other attachments to utility poles. Sprint would like to have the FCC formula rate for pole attachments apply to wireless infrastructure. Tom will work with this group with the intent on keeping the FCC formula out of any legislation and preserving the right of municipal utilities to control what attachments can be made to any municipal facilities. He reported that he will be requesting information from everyone on their residential rates to provide to the Attorney General's Office for their annual electric rates comparison.
- VIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Pollard
Executive Secretary-Treasurer