

# Butte Choice Energy Authority

## MINUTES

### JUNE 8, 2020

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 326 Huss Lane, Suite 100, Chico, California.

Present: Debra Lucero, Butte County Board of Supervisor, District 2  
Alex Brown, Chico City Council, Vice Mayor  
Scott Huber, Chico City Council  
Doug Teeter, Butte County Board of Supervisor, District 5  
Brian Ring, Interim Executive Director  
Erik Gustafson, Interim Executive Director  
Harriet Steiner, General Counsel  
Ashley Snyder, Interim Clerk of the Board

CLERK'S NOTE: PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ON MARCH 17, 2020, RELATING TO THE CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUTTE CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS WELL AS THE BOARD'S GENERAL COUNSEL APPEARED TELEPHONICALLY AND PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING TO THE SAME EXTENT AS IF THEY WERE PERSONALLY PRESENT. PURSUANT TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND TO MAINTAIN THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNOR'S SHELTER-IN-PLACE, THE CHAMBERS WERE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ABLE TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT VIA EMAIL TO [BUTTECHOICEENERGYCOB@BUTTECOUNTY.NET](mailto:BUTTECHOICEENERGYCOB@BUTTECOUNTY.NET).

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS OPENED AND CLOSED WITHOUT ANY SPEAKERS.

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION: APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
(MOTION: BROWN; SECOND: HUBER)**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
AYES: BROWN, HUBER, TEETER, AND LUCERO  
NAYS: NONE**

- a. Minutes from May 11, 2020 Board Meeting  
*Board Action: Approved the Minutes from the May 11, 2020 Board Meeting*

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Presentation from Butte County Fire Safe Council Regarding Local Biomass Power Production

Calli-Jane DeAnda, Executive Director, and Jim Broshears, and, Tad Mason, of the Butte County Fire Safe Council provided a report for the Board.

b. Operations and Administration Report from Interim Executive Officer

Interim Executive Officers Brian Ring and Erik Gustafson provided updates on various operational and administrative activities with respect to the implementation of BCE, which included an update on the financials; the Chief Executive Recruitment and pending special Board meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>; marketing RFP and Cal-CCA. The time and place for the Special Board meeting was finalized with the Board.

Shawn Marshall, Executive Director, LEAN Energy U.S., provided an update on market and public outreach.

Public comment was opened and closed without any speakers.

*Board Action:* Received for information.

c. Continuance to July 13 of FY 2020-2021 Budget

Interim Executive Officer Brian Ring provided a report for the Board.

Public comment was opened and closed without any speakers.

**MOTION: APPROVE CONTINUANCE OF THE CONSIDERATION OF BCEA’S FY BUDGET TO JULY 13, 2020, AND APPROVE CONTINUING AUTHORIZATION TO THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO CONTINUE TO EXPEND FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE OPERATIONS OF BCE CONSISTENT WITH AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FY 2019-2020.  
(MOTION: HUBER; SECOND: LUCERO)**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
AYES: BROWN, HUBER, TEETER, AND LUCERO  
NAYS: NONE**

d. Preview and Discussion of Energy Risk Management Policy and Delegation of Authority

Interim Executive Officer Brian Ring introduced the item, and Denis Vermette from Pilot Power group provided a report for the Board.

Public comment was opened and closed without any speakers.

*Board Action:* Directed staff to bring policy back for consideration on July 13, 2020 as well as a presentation on the current energy market.

e. Adopt Resolution and Policy Regarding Addition of New Member Agencies

Interim Executive Officer Brian Ring provided a report for the Board.

Public comment was opened and closed without any speakers.

**MOTION:** ADOPT POLICY REGARDING COST AND PROCESS FOR OTHER AGENCIES WISHING TO JOIN BUTTE CHOICE ENERGY.  
(MOTION: LUCERO; SECOND: HUBER)

**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
**AYES:** BROWN, HUBER, TEETER, AND LUCERO  
**NAYS:** NONE

5. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business before the Butte Choice Energy Authority, the meeting adjourned. The Butte Choice Energy Authority will reconvene at the next regular meeting, scheduled for July 13, 2020.*

ATTEST:  
Ashley Snyder  
Interim Secretary and  
Interim Clerk of the Board

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Debra Lucero, Chair  
Butte Choice Energy Authority