

Pinewood Springs Property Owners Association Meeting

March 20, 2019

Board Present: Gabi Benson, Dianna Lawyer-Brook, Joan Paskewitz
Board Absent: Josh Nolke, Elliott LaBonte

Residents Present: Steve Stewart, Rebecca Henderson

New Business:

- Electric Company and Renewables--Becky Henderson addressed the Board regarding our co-operative electric company Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association (PVREA) and its relationship to Tri-State Generation and Transmission, from whom we get our electricity. We and 42 other co-ops in a four-state area are under contracts to Tri-State lasting until 2050. Many of these co-ops, including United which is the largest, want to be released from the contracts; one co-op has bought out their contract to date. PVREA is the 2nd largest co-op with Tri-State, and has asked them to increase renewables, but they are unwilling as coal comprises 70% of their energy sources and they carry \$600 million in debt for it. XCel here in Colorado has determined that solar and wind are cheaper, including start-up costs, than continuing to maintain and use coal and gas facilities. If/as other co-ops leave Tri -State, the remaining members will be forced to share the costs of Tri-State's total debt which is likely only to increase as coal and gas are priced higher. There seem to be two avenues of action available: 1) pressure PVREA to obtain a significant increase in renewables from Tri-State, to 100% by 2030, or 2) pressure PVREA to leave Tri-State. There appears to be no mechanism to pressure Tri-State to increase its portfolio of renewables because they are not responsive to the public.

- Earth Day Grocery Bag Give-away--Becky also informed the Board of an event on April 22 at the Estes Park Safeway when reusable grocery bags will be given away. People to distribute the bags and to help purchase them are being sought.

Old Business:

- Bear and Mountain Lion Education--Gabi will re contact the Park Service employee regarding Bear Awareness, or check with Janey to provide a talk. We discussed having the person who does the lion presentation come for a set fee, paid by the PSPOA, but will wait until the Bear talk is set to explore further.
- Map--Gabi reported Patty Rolfe will get map changes onto the computer. As people pay their PSPOA dues, they will be given an updated map.
- Newcomers Info--Needs to be revised. Joan will proofread and Gabi will provide new data. Joan will do the one-page version.
- Air BnBs--No one present had attended the Larimer County meeting on this topic, and Steve said he has been unable to find any results of the meeting on the County website. If any appears, please inform others.
- Dead Tree--Information about carving the tree will be included in the renewal packet for PSPOA. Gabi likes the idea of a banner with history of the tree and site, and perhaps an animal carving. Dianna feels we've discussed it long enough and should hire the woman who does the chainsaw carvings, have her submit a design to be displayed for comment, and then do it! No objections were expressed.
- Save the Earth--Dianna proposed exploring a free shuttle between Lyons and Estes Park in summer with a stop in PWS. She would seek a grant from RTD to finance it. She will speak with the mayors of Estes Park and Lyons to evaluate their support.

- History of PWS--There is historical information that Pat Clements was planning to write up before her illness prevented her from doing so.

Treasurers Report: \$13,494.44

Membership: 209

Next Meeting: April 17, 2019

Presented by PSPOA Secretary, Joan Paskewitz