

This amendment will be proposed by member Gary Newman to GVEA 2008 Annual Membership Meeting minutes to be voted on at the GVEA 2009 Annual Membership meeting.

I move to substitute the following for the member comments section in the printed minutes and request that they be included in their entirety in the official and posted record.

Member comments (“Newton” refers to responses provided by GVEA President-CEO Brian Newton)

1. **Bernie Karl** – Regarding Healy Clean Coal (power plant): 1) real status of Healy Clean Coal; 2) since GVEA recommended mediation after being sued by AIDEA, why is GVEA not following mediation route; 3) if any outside non-GVEA advisors outside of executive session, who are they; 4) are all board members included in strategic level discussions; 5) is there a small good-old-boy group involved in discussions; 6) why is board not working to get cost of energy down with Healy Clean Coal; 7) if GVEA talked to Homer Electric about plant separation or joint operation, what did Homer Electric say?

Bernie Karl moves the following advisory resolution:

“Whereas HCC power has a long history and needs resolution to reduce the cost of electricity in Interior Alaska;

Be it resolved that the membership of GVEA advises the GVEA board to make all agreements required to resolve this long dispute and support getting Healy Clean Coal running in a manner that will reduce the cost of electricity to Golden Valley Electric members sooner rather than later; and

Be it further resolved that the members want the full participation of the entire board of directors in all board discussion and resolution; and

Be it also further resolved that the GVEA Board membership expects all cooperative businesses to be conducted in an open and transparent business manner which demonstrates ethical standards the membership could be proud of.”

No second was called for by the presiding officer GVEA President-CEO Brian Newton.

Bernie Karl asked for chairman to speak for board to answer questions. Bill Nordmark, board chairman, indicated that there was a need to maintain confidentiality for negotiating purposes. Encourages member attendance at board meetings. Status of Healy Clean Coal: in mitigation, no judicial ruling yet; issues with plant as is and with additional parties involved with fiscal impact to members; may take a few more months of negotiating; there are some non-GVEA: state people, attorneys to get best advice; recent meetings all board members were involved; re small good old boys involvement, ‘we are all old, I guess’; will obstruct agreement if board doesn’t like what AIDEA offers; told not to talk to Homer Electric during mediation process, and just very recently told it was okay to talk informally.

2. **Jim Caswell**, Dist. 7 – knowledgeable about Healy Power Plant, works at coal mine, wants to get power plant on line with high price of oil, negotiations making progress, and appreciates the board’s hard work.
3. **George Salmon** – Dist 1. Annual meeting – do away with frivolities, more dialog, more time for members to talk. Lost trust with board with GT&T attempt. Let’s get on it with wind and geo-thermal, latter at Chena Hot Springs.

Newton - doing some wind demo. Also open to opportunities at Chena Hot Springs.

4. **L. Frank DeLong** – Dist. 1. Wrote up comments to submit to GVEA board due to time limitation of only 2 minutes to speak. Wants better two way communications between board and members. Minutes from testimony at board meetings don’t reflect any comments or substance, leaving him to believe that board doesn’t want input. Do away with presentations e.g. “menu theme”, get to the substance. Suggests that board members meet with their district members twice a year. Also submitted comments in writing regarding discrepancies between residential and commercial

Newton: board members are representatives, come to board meeting for details. Cost of service study methodology to be used, will explain.

5. **Tim Viavant** – Dist. 2. Most expensive energy generated is at peak demand. Encourages demand metering, rate adjustment with reduction of long term average reduction.

Newton - sees energy use gradually reducing. Wife doesn’t like demand metering in Ohio.

6. **Randy Griffin** – Pledge of Allegiance to a non-existent flag, no Alaska flag song for Alaska Flag Song. Wants to see Healy Clean Coal with coal as cheapest fuel, but wonder if it is a parallel to Alaska gas negotiations being delayed with examination to be sure of best deal.
7. **Christopher Tilley** – Dist. 1. 1) Why does GVEA hire people from Lower 48 to survey/inventory GVEA power poles? Could use UAF or high school students, but at least hire local. How does GVEA, a non-profit, own a for-profit company

and as such, inform the members more about it. Prefers GVEA focuses on main task of producing and distributing electricity.

Newton - talk to Mike Rice regarding pole inventory hiring. Yes, allowed to have for-profit and some profits of Alasconnect contributed back to GVEA as well as providing [internet] services to those who are otherwise unable to receive them. Focuses on generation, Alasconnect has own employees.

8. **Dan Kupiszewski** – recommends Susitna Dam project investigation for construction, citing examples elsewhere for transportation and hydrogen production.

Newton – board/GVEA supports Susitna Dam project

9. **Frank Abegg** – District 2. Concerned about price of electricity, particularly oil. Reduce dependence on oil, encourages getting Healy Clean Coal plant on line for cost savings to members and jobs. Supports alternative affordable projects, short term. As board candidate, supports diverse fuel supply and long term plan.

Newton – “well said, Frank”

10. **Steve McElreath** – Dist. 4. Supports reducing demand through progressive energy rates, the more one uses, the more each kwh costs.
11. **Deborah DeLong** – Alternative energy methods have been discussed at annual meetings for years, why isn't GVEA acting more quickly to get off fossil fuels, instead focusing on large long-term projects like Susitna. Wants to hear about action at next annual meeting.

Newton – the board is committed to alternative energy, though not cheap, projects on-going such as Delta Wind, Eva Creek

12. Sigvald Strandberg – District 1. What will it cost to put the Healy coal power plant 2 on line?

Newton - \$15mm, refers to Kate Lamal for further detail.

13. **Gary Newman** – Dist. 4. Recommends district meetings to improve member communications, continuing previous recommendations. Involve membership in rate study, particularly in favor of inclining block rate to reduce peaks. Cognitive disconnect with experimental coal plant in Healy. 18 years ago, wind as resource was panned in previous study, why not use wind for peaking instead of \$400 million for coal. Consider likelihood of carbon tax in long term planning.

Newton – district meetings aren't historically in. Rate study info through MAC and newsletter. Alternatives, already stated. Carbon tax will have to face.

14. **Andy Reynolds** – Dist. 2. Support for SNAP producers, purchasers and Tom DeLong as proponent, let's raise the profile for carbon free energy.

Newton – 20 SNAP producers, 560 SNAP purchasers. Sponsoring radio ads, etc.

15. **David Vandenberg** – Dist. 1. What can GVEA do to help FNSB on energy efforts, e.g. waste to energy, biomass, invite co-generating with wood pellets. State Legislature passed alternative energy and residential energy retrofits. Coal is not the panacea with carbon tax and recent coal price inflation, why put efforts heavily on coal.

Newton – working with FNSB on coal gasification, GVEA would like to submit project for alternative energy. Coal is second lowest in price, even with carbon tax, will be cost effective.

16. **Wilson Callahan** – Dist. 5. Chena Hot Springs hydrogen and geothermal, GVEA should get into it. Mentioned failure of GVEA funded wind study in Delta in 1980's.

Newton – Will have GVEA staff get info to him on old wind study. Geothermal proximity may be an issue, referred Will to Bernie Karl.

17. **Lori Meek** – Dist. 6. Very much in support of district meetings.

Newton – Will work with board members to have district meetings.