Organization of MISO States

ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2008

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Prior to the start of the OMS Executive Committee meeting, Roger Harzsy of the Midwest ISO presented a status report on the launch of the Ancillary Services Market on January 6.

Lauren Azar, Vice President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the December 2008 meeting of the OMS Executive Committee to order via conference call at approximately 1:15 p.m. (CST). The following directors participated in the meeting:

President – Parveen Baig, proxy for John Norris, Iowa
Vice President – Lauren Azar, Wisconsin
Secretary – Valerie Lemmie, Ohio
Commissioner at Large – Monica Martinez, Michigan (Angie Butcher held proxy)
Treasurer – Gary Hanson, South Dakota

Others present on the conference call:
Randy Rismiller – Illinois
Jeff Kaman - Iowa
Angie Butcher - Michigan
Greg Jergeson, Steve Cameron – Montana
Hisham Choueiki – Ohio
Greg Rislov – South Dakota
Randy Pilo - Wisconsin
Bill Malcolm – MISO

OMS Staff - Bill Smith, Julie Mitchell

The directors listed above established the necessary quorum of three (3) Executive Committee members.

Valerie Lemmie moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2008 Executive Committee Meetings. Gary Hanson offered a second. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

BUSINESS

1. Renewal of OMS Business Insurance

Bill Smith explained the insurance renewal proposal that was presented to the executive committee. The recommended coverage would be $1,000 under budget, by splitting coverage between Indiana Insurance and the Hartford.

Gary Hanson moved to approve Bill Smith's recommendations. Valerie Lemmie seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. NRRI Proposal

- Bill Smith summarized the NRRI proposal to hire staff to permanently assist regional state committees (OMS and SWPP only – OPSI has declined to participate). There would be one economist to test the concept. The cost (shared between the two organizations) would be $180,000, making OMS's share $90,000. That would fall under the consulting budget and would essentially take all of it.

- Lauren Azar further explained the background behind the proposal.

- Hisham Choueiki explained why OPSI declined to participate in the NRRI proposal.

- The Executive Committee and staff discussed various points, pro and con, to the proposal.

- It was decided that Bill Smith would further coordinate with Jan Beecher at the Michigan State Institute about the support they would be able to provide and what it would cost and bring that information along with the NRRI proposal to the January Board meeting for discussion.

3. Status of OMS Staff Personnel Contracts

Lauren Azar summarized the status of the personnel agreements. Bill Smith then talked about the legal issues with the personnel agreements related to the retirement/401K plan.

Gary Hanson moved to take the amounts intended for Bill Smith & Julie Mitchell 401(k) matching payments that exceed the limits of the 401(k) plan and pay it as taxable salary. Monica Martinez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gary Hanson moved to approve an additional payment to Bill Smith and Julie Mitchell to compensate them for income taxes they will have to pay on the previously approved taxable salary payments. Monica Martinez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of OMS Auditor for 2008

Bill Smith presented auditor proposal to approve Ryun Givens as OMS auditor for 2008 financials.

Angie Butcher moved to accept the auditor proposal. Gary Hanson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Administrative Report – Bill Smith
Bill Smith reported the following items:

- There were a number of MISO items on the FERC agenda this morning.
- The Work Group Chairs will meet on December 19th and review priorities.

Announcements

- Next OMS Executive Committee meeting: **January 22, 2009** at 1:00 pm CST
- Next OMS regular Board of Directors meeting: **January 8, 2009** at 1:00 pm CST

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m. CST