



**Governance Committee Meeting
June 23, 2020**

Attendance: Ron Burns, Darlene Rowsam, Joe Lawrence, Tom Gillette, Jerry Cayer, Brittany Davis, Cheyenne Steria, Kevin McArdle

UTEP (Universal Tax Exemption Policy)

- Executive Director Davis provided background on updates proposed to the UTEP, which include general language updates suggested by Barclay Damon. These have been reviewed by the Committee previously.
- Staff provided language suggested by Hodgson Russ to address inclusion of renewable energy PILOTs in the UTEP. The Committee worked through the implications of that language and made suggestions on edits.
- Staff also cited, and the Committee discussed, implications of proposed legislation that would encourage Host Community Benefits Programs as part of renewable energy projects
- Staff will draft edits to the UTEP taking these comments into account and also work on obtaining County support solar process, in general.
- The Committee supported this edit going out to taxing jurisdictions, upon finalization of solar process, with further educational content surround solar, IDA, etc.

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