



THE SOUTHERN AFRICA REVENUE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL BRANCH

THE SARPA CENTRAL BRANCH'S MEETING HELD ON THU 29 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 14:00 AT THE CLARENS GOLF AND LEISURE ESTATE, CLARENS IN THE FREE STATE

MINUTES

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Attendance Register: See attached**

2. **Previous Minutes:** Accepted by Mr. Roos and Mr. Bindeman

3. **Reports - Representative on the Executive Council**
Rens Bindeman, SARPA Technical Advisor

Revenue recovery project is to help municipalities on their losses. This is free to members of SARPA. Rens just came back from Botswana and will go back in Jan with experts to finalize what is happening there.

Executive council meetings for SARPA will be done via ZOOM in 2019.

SARPA Revenue projects: Branch Dev, Standards, Training, Infrastructure crime (Copper theft)

Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana would like to have their own SARPA meetings beginning 2019

Standard on cable marking, waiting for final document. Waiting to see who will house this.

Infrastructure Crimes: SARPA had to sign memorandum of strategies, pass secret clearance to sit at national meeting to discuss copper crime. Metal unit in Western Cape was started with SARPA assistance and is quite successful.

Illegal connections and unsafe leads: any guidance you would like to provide on handling this matter please forward to Rens. Rens will draw up a booklet on how to deal with this.

Copper/Infrastructure theft Crime code 3200. Part of the New Criminals Act of 2015. Up to R60million fine, no bail, jail, tampering is a crime.

4. **General**

Rens: **Rogue meters.** People are privately selling meters to the consumers that are not being registered on the municipal systems. The revenue is not going to the municipality

Lesotho asked if there are regulations regarding meters. Rens does not think there is a national regulation regarding the purchasing of meters. If there is one, Rens said he will share the info. Some municipalities do have regulations on sub venders that it cannot be done without being registered. Chairperson mentioned you will need to get some legislation in place to control this matter. Bylaws to prevent this.

5 Presentations

5.1 "Technologies to ameliorate cable theft and infrastructure vandalism" by Ntamo Technologies
Presentation is available. You can contact quentin.louw@ntamotechnologies.co.za; 0832812398

Excellent presentation on how to decrease your copper loss. Here are a few examples:

- Pepper spray, 20 sprays, 3 meters long. Alarm. This is installed in the substations. Early warning preventative solutions.
- Also alarm units are placed underground near the cable so that as the digging takes place alarms go off. If response is too long, another alarm is set as soon as the cable is cut. Broken Neutrals are life threatening and alarms will go off. All systems work on GPRS and you can see exactly where something is positioned and track it if it is moved.
- Distribution Transformer Alarm goes off if transformer is pushed off the pole. If they load and take it, the transformer will be tracked.

6. Sponsorship for SARPA and AMEU

Thanks to the following companies for their sponsorship of these two meetings:

- Antley R 1500 - presentation
- Beka Schreder R2500 - sponsorship
- Malesela R 1500 - presentation
- Ntamo R 1500 - presentation
- Ontec R 2000 - sponsorship
- Schneider R 1500 - sponsorship
- TIS Invest R1000 - (2 pull-ups)

7. Date and place of next meeting:

10 and 11 April 2019, Northern Cape. Kathu was recommended, as the municipalities there would attend.

- SARPA: Wednesday 2pm 10 April
- 10 Apr, 5:30pm evening social for everyone.
- AMEU: Thursday 9am to 12pm 11 April, followed by light lunch.