

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. met at the office of the Cooperative for the monthly meeting on November 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Craig Crossland. The following trustees were present: Craig Crossland, Terry Hobbs, Frank Joy, Sue Rohleder, Landon Heier, Marvin Keller, Dale Weinhold, Nick Zerr, and Richard Schaus. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager, Nolan Numrich, Stacey Malsam, Lee Tafanelli, and E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the meeting minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2022, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

CEO of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Lee Tafanelli, advised the Board on legislative updates and KEC concerns.

Manager Ruth led a review of Policy 1102 Capital Credits. Sue Rohleder moved, and Marvin Keller seconded to accept the proposed changes to the policy, which included using the Boatman Theorem as part of the annual discussion on the retirement of capital credits. Upon vote, the motion passed.

The monthly meeting adjourned to open a public meeting concerning the rate schedule. It was moved by Dale Weinhold, seconded by Nick Zerr to adopt the rate schedule as presented and to be put into effect on January 1, 2023. Upon vote, the motion passed.

The monthly meeting resumed as Manager Ruth presented data on 2022 Patronage Retirement and his proposal to review again in 2023. It was moved by Terry Hobbs, seconded by Richard Schaus, to review the capital credits retirements again in 2023. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Manager Ruth led a discussion on the 2023 Budget. Frank Joy moved, and Marvin Keller seconded to approve the proposed 2023 Budget. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Nolan Numrich advised the Board on changes to the Rules and Regulations and Idle Service Policy 408. Frank Joy moved, and Nick Zerr seconded to adopt the proposed changes as presented. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Nick Zerr moved, and Terry Hobbs seconded to adopt the proposed 2023 Tariffs and Rate Schedule. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Nolan Numrich addressed the Board on the timeline for the next annual meeting. Landon Heier moved, and Marvin Keller seconded to approve the timeline for the annual meeting as presented by Nolan. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Nolan Numrich advised the Board on Member Services activities.

Stacey Malsam provided an overview of Financial activities for the month.

Manager Ruth presented his monthly Financial Report.

A list of delinquent accounts to be written off the books was presented. Sue Rohleder moved, and Landon Heier seconded to approve the write-offs. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Manager's expenses were reviewed.

Frank Joy and Sue Rohleder reported on Sunflower Activities.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Dale Weinhold moved, and Marvin Keller seconded that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote, the motion passed.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer patronage capital credits was presented. It was moved by Nick Zerr and seconded by Landon Heier to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote the motion carried.

Manager Ruth reported on RUS, CFC, CoBank, Federated, NRTC, and CRC activities.

Terry Hobbs stood on Lee Tafari's KEC report.

Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed. No accidents were reported.

A list of contracts for electrical service was presented. It was moved by Marvin Keller, seconded by Richard Schaus, to execute the contracts listed. Upon vote, the motion passed.


A list of applicants for membership were presented. It was moved by Sue Rohleder and seconded by Landon Heier that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote the motion passed.

Sue Rohleder moved, Terry Hobbs seconded, to go into an executive session to discuss personnel. Upon vote, the motion passed. The meeting was called back to order with no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be December 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Secretary

Approved by:


President