

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 October 19th, at 9:00 a.m.

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

The minutes of the meeting held September 21st, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

The meeting was turned over to Line Superintendent, Ron Aschenbrenner, who advised the Board on the status of the FEMA rebuild and other various repair and rebuild topics. Ron also presented a plan to address 60 capacitors on the system that were identified as needing replacement in the recently completed capacitor study. Due to the long lead times on orders, it is necessary to place an order for the needed capacitors now, with the intended delivery and paid date falling in 2025. Terry Hobbs moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to approve the pre-ordering of the capacitors as presented. Upon vote motion passed.

Nolan Numrich presented on the Johnson Corner Solar Farm community solar program and availability for Western's Residential Members. Following the presentation, Landon Heier moved, and Richard Schaus seconded the approval of the Renewable Energy Program Rider. Upon vote the motion passed. Dale Weinhold moved, and Landon Heier seconded to approve the Community Solar Agreement. Upon vote the motion passed. Richard Schaus moved, and Marvin Keller seconded a motion to approve the Community Solar Agreement. Upon vote the motion passed.

Nolan Numrich advised the board on the current retirement of Capital Credits. Dale Weinhold moved, and Marvin Keller seconded a motion to make Capital Credit refunds of over \$100.00 by check and refunds under \$100.00 dollars by credit on bill for active accounts. Upon vote the motion passed.

Nolan Numrich presented the Member Service Report.

Manager Tom Ruth presented the monthly Manager's Report.

Stacey Malsam presented the Finance department report.

Craig Crammer presented a Five-Year Information Technology Plan Update.

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

The Manager's expenses were reviewed. A properly made and seconded motion was made to approve the Manager's expenses. Upon vote the motion passed.

Frank Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the past month.

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

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer of patronage capital credits was presented. It was moved by Marvin Keller and seconded by Terry Hobbs to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote the motion passed.

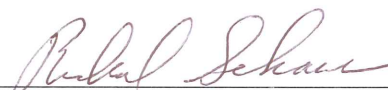
Manager Ruth reported on RUS, CFC, CoBank, Federated, NRTC, and CRC activities.

Manager Ruth presented the monthly Safety Report.

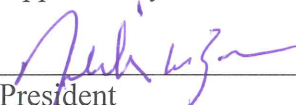
A list of contracts for electrical service as well as a list of new members were presented. It was moved by Richard Schaus, seconded by Terry Hobbs, to execute the contracts and approve the new memberships listed. Upon vote the motion passed.

Dale Weinhold moved, Landon Heier seconded, to move into an executive session for seventy-five (75) minutes. Ruth, Nolan, and Malsam were excused from the meeting. Ruth returned prior to the end of executive session. The meeting returned to regular session within the allotted time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be November 16th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.


Secretary

Approved by:


President