## 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 December 21st, at 9:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Nick Zerr. The following trustees were present: Craig Crossland, Frank Joy, Sue Rohleder, Landon Heier, Marvin Keller, Dale Weinhold, Nick Zerr, and Richard Schaus; Terry Hobbs was not present. 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 on November 16th, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Manager Tom Ruth presented Operation's recommendation for three line trucks to be placed on order during the 2024 year due to the long lead time. Dale Weinhold moved, and Marvin Keller seconded to approve the request. Upon vote the motion passed.

Manager Tom Ruth reported on the Grid Resilience & Innovative Partnerships (GRIP) government grant programs.

Dale Weinhold moved, seconded by Landon Heier, to move into executive session. The executive session concluded, and the Board went back to the regular monthly meeting.

Stacey Malsam presented the Finance Department Report.

Nolan Numrich presented the Member Service Report.

Manager Tom Ruth presented the monthly Safety Report stating there were no accidents or near misses.

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A list of delinquent accounts to be written off the books was presented. Frank Joy moved, and Dale Weinhold seconded to approve the write-offs. Upon vote, the motion passed.

The Manager's expenses were reviewed.

Frank Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the past month; Sue Rohleder supplemented his report.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Marvin Keller moved, and Landon Heier 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 Landon Heier and seconded by Richard Schaus to approve the request for a refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote, the motion passed.

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

A list of applicants for membership was presented. It was moved by Dale Weinhold and seconded by Richard Schaus that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Al Timini and Cory Linville of Sunflower Electric were introduced. They advised the Board on current Sunflower activities and topics of interest for WCE.

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

Sue Rohleder moved, Dale Weinhold seconded, to move to executive session. The Board returned to the regular session.

Upon vote taken, Terry Hobbs' absence is unexcused.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on January 18th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary

Approved by:

President