

## 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 April 20th, 2023, 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, E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the meeting minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved with recommended corrections. The agenda was approved as presented.

Craig Cramer addressed the Board concerning Cyber Security and the current Cyber Security insurance policy.

Phillip Golden, Energy Manager for Messer, joined the meeting via telephone, and provided input to the Board on Sunflower Electric's future hedging strategy.

Manager Ruth advised the Board on the Wildfire Mitigation Plan, and the need to adopt the plan. At the report's conclusion Terry Hobbs moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to adopt the Western Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Upon vote the motion passed.

Manager Ruth presented the Manager's Report.

Stacey Malsam presented the Financial Report and discussed regulatory matters.

Nolan Numrich gave a report on Member Services.

Manager Tom Ruth reported there were no accidents during the past month.

Manager Ruth presented his monthly Manager's Financial Report.

Nick Zerr made a motion and was seconded by Terry Hobbs to perform a study required by FEMA on the migratory patterns of whooping cranes within Western's service area. Upon vote the motion passed.

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

The Manager's expenses were reviewed. Dale Weinhold moved, Frank Joy seconded, to approve the Manager's expenses. Upon vote the motion passed.

Manager Ruth and Frank Joy reviewed Sunflower activities.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Dale Weinhold moved, Landon Heier seconded, that

the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote the motion passed.

Auditor Kevin Kelso was introduced, and he presented his financial audit report for 2022. Discussion on engaging Kelso-Lynch as auditors for a period of two (2) years followed. Frank Joy moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to approve retaining Kelso-Lynch for a period of two (2) years. Upon vote the motion passed.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer patronage capital credits was presented. It was moved by Dale Weinhold and seconded by Marvin Keller 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.

A motion was made to appoint Frank Joy as the voting delegate, and Sue Rohleder as the alternate for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. Upon vote motion passed.

A motion was made to appoint Frank Joy as the voting delegate, and Tom Ruth as the alternate for Sunflower Electric Holding Company. Upon vote motion passed.

Terry Hobbs presented the KEC report, however no meeting had been held since the last WCE board meeting.


Manager Ruth presented the NRECA report.

The Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed.


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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be May 10th, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President