

## 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 July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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

The minutes of the meeting held June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Jaiden Pfannenstiel and Austin Carroll presented to the board about their KEC Washington D.C youth tour trip.

Cory Linville and Al Tamimi presented to the board about USDA grant opportunities Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is pursuing, member transmission planning and construction policy and an update on City of Russell activities.

Lindsay Flax presented an overview of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party damage recovery billing process for board discussion.

Nick Zerr joined the meeting.

Val Schneider presented an update on labor negotiations for board discussion. It was moved by Dale Weinhold and seconded by Landon Heier to counter-offer Option 1 from board presentation to union for consideration. Upon vote motion carried with Frank Joy casting a dissenting vote.

An updated CoBank Cash Manager Incumbency certification and resolution was presented to update current authorized Western account signers Landon Heier moved, and Terry Hobbs seconded, to approve the resolution. Upon vote the motion passed.

Dale Weinhold was excused from the meeting. Sharing Success applications were reviewed. It was moved by Landon Heier and seconded by Sue Rohleder to award funds as stated below. Upon vote the motion was carried.

- Project Dream, Inc. - \$5,000
- Plainville Memorial Library - \$4,700
- City of Bunker Hill - \$5,000
- Rush County Fire District 8 - \$5,300

Dale Weinhold rejoined the meeting.

Manager Ruth led a discussion on the 2022 CFC KRTA metrics.

Christina Lowry presented updates to the Rules & Regulations for disconnects (section 11(d)). It was moved by Sue Rohleder and seconded by Frank Joy to accept the proposed changes. Upon vote, the motion passed. Christina then reviewed a proposal to change the front office hours during WCE designated summer schedule to 7am to 4pm to closer mirror the operations department summer hours. It was moved by Richard Schaus and seconded by Dale Weinhold to accept the summer office hour change. Upon vote the motion passed.

Manager Ruth gave his monthly financial report with various charts and graphs.

Stacey Malsam reported on financial and regulatory matters.

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

There were no expenses to review on the Manger's Expense Report this month.

Frank Joy gave an update on Sunflower's July board meeting.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Sue Rohleder moved, Marvin Keller seconded, that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote the motion was carried.

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


Manager Ruth and Nick Zerr presented the NRECA report.

The Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed with no accidents or near misses reported.

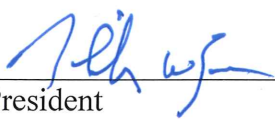
A list of contracts for electric service was presented. It was moved by Frank Joy and seconded by Richard Schaus, to execute the contracts presented. Upon vote the motion passed.

A list of applicants for membership was presented. It was moved by Richard Schaus and seconded by Marvin Keller that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote the motion was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
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President