

## 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 September 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Sue Rohleder, Landon Heier, Marvin Keller, Dale Weinhold, Nick Zerr, and Richard Schaus. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager, Nolan Numrich, Valerie Schneider, and Stacey Malsam, who kept the meeting minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held August 17th, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved with recommended corrections. The agenda was approved as presented.

Valerie Schneider presented the 2024 payroll budget to the board and opened the floor for questions. After discussion, Dale Weinhold moved, and Marvin Keller seconded that we approve the 2024 payroll budget as presented. Upon a vote, the motion passed.

Valerie Schneider exited the meeting.

Stacey Malsam led a discussion with the board concerning the board budget for 2024.

Stacey Malsam informed the board that Western received notice of RUS approval of Western's \$21M FFB loan application.

Manager Ruth reported on the results from the network and cybersecurity penetration testing.

Manager Ruth presented the Manager's Report.

Stacey Malsam presented the Financial Report.

Nolan Numrich reported on Member Services.

Manager Ruth presented his monthly Manager's Financial Report.

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

The Manager's expenses were reviewed.

Frank Joy, Sue Rohleder and Tom Ruth reported on Sunflower.

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

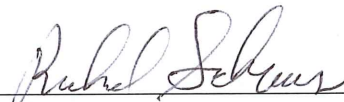
Manager Ruth reported on RUS, CFC, CoBank, Federated, NRTC and CRC activities.

Terry Hobbs reported on upcoming KEC activities.

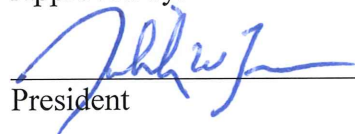
The Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed. Manager Ruth discussed one accident and one near miss during the past month.

A list of contracts for electrical service and applicants for membership were presented. Landon Heier moved, and Marvin Keller seconded to execute the contracts and accept the applications for membership listed. Upon vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be October 19th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President