

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 January 18th, 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, Terry Hobbs, 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 December 21st, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved with the following change: Terry Hobbs' absence is to be listed as unexcused. The agenda was approved with the following change: the executive session is to be listed third.

It was moved by Dale Weinhold and seconded by Marvin Keller to enter executive session. Upon vote the motion passed. After the allotted amount of time, the meeting returned to general session.

Stacey Malsam advised the Board on RUS Loan Documents. Terry Hobbs moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to adopt the RUS Secretary's Certificate and Resolutions as presented. Upon vote the resolution passed.

A motion to approve the approve the amended audit agreement to include the required FEMA funds audit was made by Landon Heier, seconded by Dale Weinhold. Upon vote the motion passed.

Frank Joy reported on Sunflower activities.

Rich Macke, PSE was introduced via Teams call to provide a presentation on current industry trends in rate design.

Nikki Pfannenstiel was introduced to the Board to advise on economic development and discuss how WCE can encourage economic development.

Stacey Malsam presented the Finance department report.

Nolan Numrich presented the Member Service Report in addition to reporting on Information Services.

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

Manager Tom Ruth presented the Manager's expenses. A properly made and seconded motion was made to approve the Manager's expenses. Upon vote the motion passed.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Marvin Keller moved, 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 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 by Landon Heier, seconded by Richard Schaus, to name Tom Ruth voting delegate for NRTC and Landon Heier the alternate voting delegate was made. Upon vote the motion passed.


Terry Hobbs and Tom Ruth reported on KEC Activities.

The Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed; Manager Tom Ruth reported two accidents.

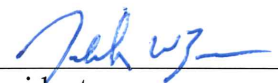
A list of contracts for electrical service and new memberships were presented. Richard Schaus moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to approve as listed. Upon vote the motion passed.

Landon Heier moved, Richard Schaus seconded, to enter into executive session. Upon vote the motion passed. After the allotted amount of time, the meeting returned to general session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be February 15th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.


Secretary

Approved by:


President