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 18, 2024, 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, Stacey Malsam, Nolan Numrich and E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the meeting minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held March 21, 2024, were presented. The minutes were approved as printed. The agenda was approved as printed.

Ron Aschenbrenner was introduced, and he advised the board on the proposed on-site Fuel Storage as well as an update on the mapping inventory project. No action was taken.

Nolan Numrich briefed the board on the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Tom Ruth gave the Manager's Report and answered questions presented by the Board.

Stacey Malsam gave an update on the Finance department.

Nolan Numrich reported on Member Services.

Tom Ruth reported on Information Services and a Safety Report, (no accidents). He also gave the Board an update on the Russell Project and gave an update on the 4 County Fire.

Tom Ruth gave his monthly Financial Report.

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

Frank Joy gave his monthly report on Sunflower activities. Sue Rohleder gave her report on Sunflower activities also.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Dale Weinhold moved, Marvin Keller 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.

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

Kevin Kelso entered the meeting, and he presented the 2023 Financial Audit of Western Cooperative Electric.

A motion was made by Landon Heier to go into executive session. It was seconded by Susan Rohleder and passed. Tom Ruth, Stacey Malsam and Nolan Numrich exited the meeting.

Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. Board of Trustees is called back into Open Meeting at the close of the Executive Session and Tom Ruth, Stacey Malsam and Nolan Numrich re-entered the meeting.

A motion was made by Frank Joy and seconded by Marvin Keller to accept the Audit Report. Upon vote the motion passed.

Kevin Kelso exited the meeting.

A list of contracts for electrical service as well as a list of new members were presented. Terry Hobbs moved, and Marvin Keller seconded, to execute the contracts and approve the new members presented. Upon vote the motion passed.

Landon Heier moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Marvin Keller and passed. Tom Ruth, Stacey Malsam, Nolan Numrich and EJay Deines exited the meeting.

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A Motion was made by Richard Schaus and seconded by Dale Weinhold to approve a wage increase for the General Manager effective May 1, 2024. Upon vote the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be May 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

July Shaw Secretary

Approved by:

President W.