

WESTERN COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. met at the office of the Cooperative for the monthly Board meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Zerr. The following trustees were also present: Terry Hobbs, Susan Rohleder, Tim Stanton, Frank Joy, Landon Heier, Dale Weinhold, and Marvin Keller. The following trustees were absent from the meeting: Richard Schaus. Also in attendance were the following: General Manager Tom Ruth, Assistant General Manager Nolan Numrich, Chief Financial Officer Stacey Malsam, Attorney E. Jay Deines, and Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel.

The minutes of the October 17, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting was presented. Trustee Dale Weinhold moved, and Trustee Susan Rohleder seconded, to approve the October 17, 2024, Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The proposed agenda for the November 21, 2024, Board of Trustee meeting was presented. Trustee Landon Heier moved, and Trustee Tim Stanton seconded, to approve the November 21, 2024, Board of Trustee meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

President Nick Zerr thanked the Western Cooperative Electric staff for hosting the recent Christmas party.

Chief Financial Officer Stacey Malsam presented the proposed 2025 budget to the Board of Trustees. After Board discussion, it was moved by Vice President Terry Hobbs, and seconded by Trustee Tim Stanton, to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Assistant General Manager Nolan Numrich presented the proposed timeline for the 2025 Western Cooperative Electric Annual Meeting. The Annual meeting will be held on May 14, 2025, with Trustee nominations due by March 25, 2025. Trustee Landon Heier moved, and Trustee Tim Stanton seconded, to approve the proposed timeline for the 2025 Annual Meeting, and move the location of the Annual Meeting to the WaKeeney VFW Hall. Motion carried.

The Board discussed reviewing WCE by-laws in anticipation of the Annual Meeting. Vice President Terry Hobbs moved, and Trustee Susan Rohleder seconded, to appoint Trustees Tim Stanton, Landon Heier, Dale Weinhold, and Marvin Keller to an ad-hoc By-laws Review Committee. Motion carried. President Nick Zerr asked Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel to participate in the By-Laws Committee.

Chief Financial Officer Stacey Malsam presented the proposed Federated Subscriber Agreement for the Board's approval. President Nick Zerr asked Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel

to review the Federated Subscriber Agreement in anticipation of Board action at the December meeting.

General Manager Tom Ruth presented the monthly Manager's Report.

Chief Financial Officer Stacey Malsam presented the monthly Financial Report.

Assistant General Manager Nolan Numrich presented the monthly Member Services Report.

After review of the monthly delinquent account write-offs, it was moved by Trustee Tim Stanton, and seconded by Trustee Landon Heier, to approve the delinquent account write-offs as presented. Motion carried.

Trustee Frank Joy shared an update with the Board on the recent Sunflower Electric Board Meeting.

Trustee Tim Stanton moved, and Trustee Susan Rohleder seconded, to appoint Nolan Numrich the manager-delegate and Stacey Malsam the alternate manager-delegate for Sunflower Electric. Motion carried.

Trustee Frank Joy moved, and Trustee Marvin Keller seconded to appoint Craig Cramer as the CRC voting delegate and Christina Lowery as the alternate CRC voting delegate. Motion carried.

The Board discussed transitioning accounts and signature authority to the new CEO. After discussion on the transition, Trustee Dale Weinhold moved, and Trustee Tim Stanton seconded, to appoint Trustee Landon Heier as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Cooperative Electric Board of Trustees, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Vice President Terry Hobbs gave an update on the recent Kansas Electric Cooperative Board meeting.

General Manager Tom Ruth gave an update on NRECA activities.

The Board received no new contracts to review or take action on.

Trustee Marvin Keller moved, and Secretary/Treasurer Landon Heier seconded, to approve the proposed new members of Western Cooperative Electric. Motion carried.

General Manager Tom Ruth gave the safety report. No employee accidents have occurred since the last report was given.

Trustee Dale Weinhold moved, and Trustee Marvin Keller seconded, to approve the list of checks and insufficient funds. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed upcoming meeting dates: KEC Board Meeting, December 4-5; Sunflower Board Meeting, December 12-13 in Kansas City; and WCE Board Meeting, December 19.

President Nick Zerr thanked General Manager Tom Ruth for his service to Western Coop Electric. A retirement reception will be held on January 3, 2025.

There being no further business of the Board of Trustees, the Western Cooperative Electric Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on December 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the WCE office in WaKeeney.



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Landon Heier  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Western Cooperative Electric

Approved by:



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Nick Zerr  
President, Board of Trustees  
Western Cooperative Electric