

## 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 November 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Crossland. The following trustees were present: Crossland, Hobbs, Joy, Rohleder, Heier, Schaus, Keller and Weinhold. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager; Stacey Malsam; Dennis Deines; Sophia Young and E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the minutes of the meeting. Absent was Charles Luetters.

The minutes of the meeting held October 17, 2019 were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Tom Ruth, Manager, presented Dale Weinhold and Susan Rohleder their Certificate of Board Leadership (BLC).

Charles Luetters joined the meeting.

Tom presented the RUS Z8 Resolution to be signed by the officers. It was moved by Schaus and seconded by Keller to adopt the RUS Z8 Resolution. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Tom presented the Rules & Regulations including Line Extension Allowances, Tap Fee Methodology and Construction Allowances based on the Cost of Service Study and recommended that they be adopted. It was moved by Weinhold and seconded by Hobbs to accept the Proposed Rules & Regulations as presented.

Tom presented his proposal to changes to the Western Cares Policy #1103. It was moved by Luetters and seconded by Keller to adopt proposed section #8 and leave out #6 of the Western Cares Policy. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Manager Ruth presented a plan of Crisis Communication Training and requested approval of a training program. It was moved by Joy and seconded by Keller for the Management to proceed with a Crisis Management Communication Plan. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Tom presented and explained his proposed 2020 budget. At the end of the discussion, it was moved by Hobbs and seconded by Luetters to adopt the proposed 2020 budget. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

The 2019 Patronage Capital Payout was discussed. It was moved by Luetters and seconded by Hobbs to pay out \$1,727,879.48 in patronage capital to stay in the 15-year retirement cycle.

Tom Ruth gave the Manager's report and financial report. Stacey, Sophia and Dennis gave reports on several topics including plans for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Luetters asked to be excused and left the meeting.

A list of delinquent accounts to be written off the books, a list of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Schaus and seconded by Heier to approve the write-offs. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Manager Ruth reported on his expenses during the last month.

Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the last month.

Checks numbered 62565 through 62759 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Keller that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer patronage capital credits, which list is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Joy and seconded by Keller to approve the request for refund and transfers of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

The KEC report was given by Hobbs.

The minutes of the October 18, 2019 safety meeting were reviewed and discussed. There were no accidents reported.

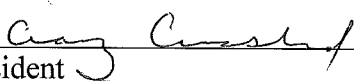
A list of contracts for electrical service, a list of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Heier and seconded by Keller to execute the contracts listed and attached hereto on behalf of the Cooperative. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

A list of applicants for membership, a list of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Weinhold and seconded by Schaus that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be December 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President