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 March 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Crossland. The following trustees were present: Crossland, Hobbs, Joy, Rohleder, Luetters, Heier, Keller, Weinhold and Schaus. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager; Stacey Malsam via Teams, E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the minutes of the meeting; and Nolan Numrich.

The minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2021 and the special meeting held March 3, 2021, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Tom Ruth, Manager, advised the board on the cost analysis from the recent cold weather event Winter Storm Uri.

Phillip Golden was introduced via Teams to join the board for the STR-21 Rate Approval discussion. He also addressed the board about the high cost of power during the past month. It was moved by Joy and seconded by Hobbs to approve the STR-21 rate. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Nolan Numrich advised the board on his update on the annual meeting.

There was a discussion on the proposed Deferred Expense Recover Rider. It was moved by Schaus and seconded by Keller to adopt the Deferred Expense Recovery Rider. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Tom Ruth discussed a proposed letter to the customers of Western Cooperative Electric explaining the bills for the month. Nolan and Tom will make changes as needed.

The KEC Advocacy Small Group Summary was discussed.

Manager Ruth gave the Manager's report and financial report. The February Form 7 financials were reviewed by the board.

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 Joy and seconded by Heier to approve the write-offs. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the last month.

Checks numbered 65134 through 65448 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Schaus 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 Luetters and seconded by Heier to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

The Federated report was given by Manager Ruth.

The KEC report was given by Hobbs.

The NRECA report was given by Manager Ruth.

The minutes of the February 17, 2021 safety meeting were reviewed and discussed. No accidents were reported.

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 Hobbs and seconded by Keller 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 April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary Schaus

Approved by:

President Cursel