

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 September 16, 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; Nolan Numrich, Stacey Malsam, and E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2021, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Pete Donley and Kelvin Suppes presented on Ellis Substation Engineering Options to back feed load and the associated costs to accomplish this upgrade.

Tom Ruth presented the 2020 KRTA metrics and discussed Equity level options to increase the percent equity level.

A discussion was held regarding discounting of patronage paid to estates. Motion was made by Schaus and seconded by Joy to keep the current policy on patronage paid to estates. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

NRECA voting delegates were discussed. Motion was made to name Tom Ruth as the Voting Delegate for Region 7 and Dale as the Alternate Voting Delegate. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Nolan Numrich presented the proposed rules and regulations of Western Cooperative Electric. Only terminology changes were made. Joy moved and Rohleder seconded the motion to adopt the changes Nolan recommended.

Nolan also presented on the Sharing Success applications. Motion was made by Rohleder and seconded by Keller to approve the recommendations of Nolan. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

After discussion, motion was made by Schaus and seconded by Hobbs to approve the Ellsworth EMS Sharing Success project to build an EMS classroom. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Tom Ruth gave his monthly management and financial report. Stacey Malsam reported on various topics.

Manager Ruth reported on his expenses during the last month.

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

Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the last month.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Weinhold 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 Keller and seconded by Schaus to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

CoBank and Federated reports were given by Manager Ruth,

The KEC report was given by Hobbs.

The NRECA report was given by Manager Ruth.


Tom Ruth provided a safety report. There was one accident to report on during the last month.

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 Joy and seconded by Heier 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 Rohleder and seconded by Schaus that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Schaus to go into executive session. Manger Ruth and Stacey Malsam remained for the executive session. Executive session ended in 15 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be October 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.


Secretary

Approved by:


President