

WESTERN COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

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, July 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Terry Hobbs. The following Trustees were also present: Tim Stanton, Landon Heier, Cody Howland, Dale Weinhold, Steve Hausler, and Marvin Keller. President Nick Zerr attended the meeting, in part, by electronic means. Also in attendance were the following: Chief Executive Officer Nolan Numrich, Chief Financial Officer Stacey Malsam, Member Services Manager Christina Hayes, Safety Manager Jay Scott, and Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel.

Vice-President Terry Hobbs led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board discussed placing an American Flag in the Board room.

The minutes of the June 19, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting were presented. Trustee Marvin Keller moved, and Trustee Tim Stanton seconded, to approve the June 19, 2025, Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The proposed agenda for the July 17, 2025, Board of Trustee meeting was presented. Trustee Landon Heier moved, and Trustee Steve Hausler seconded, to approve the July 17, 2025, Board of Trustee meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Safety Manager Jay Scott presented the Safety Manager's Quarterly Report. At the conclusion of his report, Safety Manager Jay Scott exited the meeting.

Trustee Cody Howland entered the meeting.

Member Services Manager Christina Hayes presented the applications received for the Sharing Success Grants.

Trustee Tim Stanton moved, and Trustee Dale Weinhold seconded, to approve the funding of the following applicants for the following amounts through the Sharing Success Grant:

1. Downtown Plainville, Inc. (Plainville)--\$15,000.00
 - "The Yard" Outdoor Gathering Space
2. Kelly Façade and Bathroom Project (WaKeeney)--\$5,500.00
 - Downtown Community Bathrooms and Gathering Space
3. City of Gove Library (Gove)--\$7,500.00
 - Air Conditioning for City of Gove Library
4. Ellsworth County Historical Society (Ellsworth)--\$2,000.00
 - Electronic Billboard

Motion carried.

Human Resources Manager Valerie Schneider entered the meeting.

Human Resources Manager Valerie Schneider provided an update on KECHIT Retiree Compliance.

President Nick Zerr entered the meeting in-person and assumed the Chair.

At the conclusion of her report, Human Resources Manager Valerie Schneider exited the meeting.

CEO Nolan Numrich presented the monthly Manager's Report.

CFO Stacey Malsam presented the monthly Financial Report.

Member Services Manager Christina Hayes presented the monthly Member Services Report.

Rich Macke entered the meeting by electronic means.

Rich Macke with Power Systems Engineering, Inc. presented the Rate Design Proposal.

Trustee Tim Stanton exited the meeting and subsequently reentered the meeting by electronic means.

Trustee Terry Hobbs moved, and Trustee Landon Heier seconded, to approve the Rate Design as presented. Motion carried.

The Board discussed future Rate Design studies. At the conclusion of the Rate Design discussion, Rich Macke exited the meeting.

CEO Nolan Numrich presented the monthly Operations Report.

CEO Nolan Numrich presented the monthly Manager's Financial Report.

The Board reviewed the monthly Financial Statements.

CEO Nolan Numrich presented the monthly Line Loss Report.

CEO Nolan Numrich reviewed the monthly Manager's Expenses.

President Nick Zerr provided an update on Sunflower Electric Cooperative.

The Board reviewed the current List of Checks and Insufficient Funds. Trustee Dale Weinhold moved, and Trustee Marvin Keller seconded, to approve the List of Checks and Insufficient Funds. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Patronage Capital Refunds and Patronage Capital Transfers. Trustee Landon Heier moved, and Trustee Cody Howland seconded, to approve the Patronage Capital Refunds and Patronage Capital Transfers. Motion carried.

CEO Nolan Numrich shared the Current Borrowing Rates for RUS, CFC, and CoBank.

CEO Nolan Numrich gave an update on Federated, NISC, NRTC, and CRC activities.

CEO Nolan Numrich gave an update on Kansas Electric Cooperatives activities.

CEO Nolan Numrich gave an update on National Rural Electric Cooperative Association activities. Trustee Terry Hobbs moved, and Trustee Landon Heier seconded, to appoint Trustee Steve Hausler as the voting delegate and CEO Nolan Numrich as the alternate voting delegate for the NRECA. Motion carried.

Trustee Marvin Keller moved, and Trustee Tim Stanton seconded, to approve new members as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed new contracts. Trustee Marvin Keller moved, and Trustee Landon Heier seconded, to approve the new contracts and new members as presented.

CEO Nolan Numrich asked the Board to let him know if they plan to attend the KEC Summer Meeting Dinner and if they had any topics for discussion at the WCE Planning Session Retreat.

Trustee Dale Weinhold moved, and Trustee Cody Howland seconded, to go into executive session with CEO Nolan Numrich, CFO Stacey Malsam, Member Services Manager Christina Hayes, and Attorney Abraham Pfannenstiel to discuss matters pertaining to attorney-client relations. Motion carried.

Trustee Tim Stanton exited the meeting before the close of the Executive Session.

Upon the close of the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees were called back into Open Session.

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 August 13th -14th, 2025, during the Board of Trustees Planning Session Retreat in Holcomb.



Landon Heier
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Western Cooperative Electric

Approved by:



Nick Zerr
President, Board of Trustees
Western Cooperative Electric