

## 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 April 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Craig Crossland. The following trustees were present: Craig Crossland, Terry Hobbs, Frank Joy, Sue Rohleder, Charles Luetters, Landon Heier, Marvin Keller, Dale Weinhold, and Richard 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 March 17, 2022, were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Tom Ruth led discussion on various topics including community solar survey of customer satisfaction. There was board discussion on whether to allow the nominating committee to access membership lists provided they signed a non-disclosure agreement.

Nolan Numrich addressed the board on the recently completed Member Services Survey, also reporting on the Sharing Success grant program. He recommended the following Sharing Success projects be approved:

Smokey Hill Baptist Church – \$1,000.00  
Dorrance Historical Society – \$2,000.00

Charles Luetters moved to approve the projects, and the motion was seconded by Terry Hobbs. The motion passed.

Nolan Numrich reported on Annual Meeting preparations and agenda.

Tom Ruth gave his monthly report and gave a report on financials and general operations. Stacey reported on current financial activities.

Kevin Kelso was introduced, and he advised the board on his 2021 Financial Audit of WCE. A motion was made by Frank Joy, seconded by Richard Schaus, to approve the Audit presented by Kevin Kelso. The motion passed.

Tom Ruth gave a Safety Report. He reported there was one minor accident.

A list of delinquent accounts to be written off the books was presented. It was moved by Terry Hobbs, seconded by Charles Luetters, to approve the write-offs. Upon vote taken, the motion passed.

Frank Joy and Sue Rohleder gave the report on the March and April Sunflower board meetings.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. It was motioned by Dale Weinhold, seconded by Marvin Keller, that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote taken, the motion passed.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer patronage capital credits was presented. It was moved by Charles Luetters and seconded by Landon Heier to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Manager Tom Ruth reported on RUS, CFC, and CoBank as well as NRTC and CRC activities.

There was no KEC meeting since the last board meeting, so no report was given.

It was noted the safety meeting of last month was cancelled due to storm damage so there were no safety meeting minutes to review.


A list of contracts for electrical service was presented. It was moved by Terry Hobbs, seconded by Landon 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 was presented. It was moved by Dale Weinhold, seconded by Marvin Keller, that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

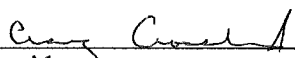
The Chairman appointed Frank Joy and Sue Rohleder as Sunflower Representatives. Tom Ruth and Frank Joy were appointed representatives for Sunflower Electric Holdings. It was a Board consensus that Tom Ruth be authorized to vote on CoBank proxy ballots and Bylaw changes on behalf of WCE.

Richard Schaus made a motion to move to executive session. The motion was seconded by Terry Hobbs.. The open meeting resumed with no binding action taken during the executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be May 11th, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President