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 May 10th, 2023, at 8:00 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, Landon Heier, Marvin Keller, Dale Weinhold, Nick Zerr, and Richard Schaus. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager, Nolan Numrich, Stacey Malsam, E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the meeting minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held April 20th, 2023, were presented. The minutes were approved with recommended corrections. The agenda was approved as presented.

Val Schneider was introduced; she advised the Board on 2023 wage benchmark analysis.

Manager Ruth advised the Board on the concerns of the lessor prairie chicken and regulations in place at this time.

Manager Ruth reported on the KEC Regulatory Inspection.

A motion to approve the 2022 Patronage Allocation Resolutions was made by Frank Joy and seconded by Richard Schaus. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Stacey Malsam reported on Financial and Regulatory matters.

Nolan Numrich reported on Member Services.

Manager Ruth gave a report on various Information Services.

A list of delinquent accounts to be written off the books was presented. Frank Joy moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to approve the write-offs. Upon vote the motion passed.

The Manager's expenses were reviewed. A properly made and seconded motion was made to approve the Manager's expenses. Upon vote the motion passed.

Frank Joy reported on Sunflower activities.

Checks were reviewed and discussed. Dale Weinhold moved, Landon Heier seconded, that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote the motion passed.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer patronage capital credits was presented. It was moved by Nick Zerr and seconded by Marvin Keller to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote the motion passed.

Manager Ruth reported on RUS, CFC, CoBank, Federated, NRTC and CRC activities.

Terry Hobbs gave the KEC report.

Manager Ruth presented the NRECA report. The chairman appointed Terry Hobbs as the voting delegate to NRECA with Dale Weinhold as alternate.

Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed; no accidents were reported.

A list of contracts for electrical service was presented. It was moved by Richard Schaus, seconded by Landon Heier, to execute the contracts listed. Upon vote the motion passed.

A list of applicants for membership was presented. It was moved by Landon Heier and seconded by Marvin Keller that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote the motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be June 15th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was recessed for the Annual Meeting, then to come back to order as a Reorganization Meeting of the board.

The meeting was called back to order by President Crossland. The following trustees were present: Craig Crossland, Terry Hobbs, Frank Joy, Sue Rohleder, Landon Heier, Marvin Keller, Dale Weinhold, Nick Zerr, and Richard Schaus. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager, Nolan Numrich, Stacey Malsam, E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the meeting minutes.

E. Jay Deines assumed the chair for the organizational meeting and declared all offices vacant. The Officers were elected by secret ballot without nomination. Those persons elected by receiving the most votes are as follows:

President – Nick Zerr Vice President—Terry Hobbs Secretary/Treasurer—Richard Schaus

The following Delegates and Alternates were elected to the Associated Organizations:

Kansas Electric Cooperatives Delegate—Terry Hobbs

Alternate—Tom Ruth

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation Board Delegate—Frank Joy

Board Alternate—Susan Rohleder Manager Delegate – Tom Ruth Manager Alternate – Stacey Malsam

A motion was made that the monthly board meetings be held the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. throughout the entire year. The motion was seconded and passed upon vote of the Board.

A motion to retain the firm of Deines & Deines as corporate counsel at the current rate was made, seconded, and passed upon vote of the Board.

The organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting were adjourned.

Secretary

Approved by:

President