## 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 August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Nick Zerr. 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, and E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the meeting minutes.

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

Manager Tom Ruth presented the tentative labor settlement agreement for the Board's approval. Dale Weinhold moved, and Terry Hobbs seconded to approve the presented agreement. The motion passed with one dissenting vote from Frank Joy.

Manager Tom Ruth updated the board on the Russell Substation 34.5KV system. After discussion, the board took no action.

Manager Tom Ruth presented a Sunflower Rate Proposal.

Valerie Schnider was introduced and explained the various KECHIT healthcare group funding options to the Board. Terry Hobbs moved, and Richard Schaus seconded to move to a partially self-funded plan to lower costs based on current projections. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Manager Ruth presented the Manager's Report.

Stacey Malsam presented the Financial Report.

Nolan Numrich reported on Member Services.

Manager Tom Ruth reported there were no accidents during the past month.

Manager Ruth presented his monthly Manager's Financial Report.

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

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

Frank Joy and Stacey Malsam reported on Sunflower.

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

Terry Hobbs reported on the CoBank and KEC meetings.

The Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed.

A list of contracts for electrical service was presented. Marvin Keller moved, and Richard Schaus seconded to execute the contracts listed. Upon vote, the motion passed.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Dieharl Schaus Secretary

Approved by:

President