

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 March 21st, at 9:00 a.m.

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

The minutes of the meeting held February 15th, 2024, were presented. It was moved by Richard Schaus and seconded by Marvin Keller to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

The agenda was approved as printed.

An NRECA Director Gold Certificate was presented to Dale Weinhold.

The 2023 IRS Form 990 was presented for review. Dale Weinhold moved to authorize Richard Schaus to electronically sign and file Form 990. The motion was seconded by Landon Heier and passed.

Sample Key Account reports prepared by Nolan Numrich were presented to the board for review and feedback on the format was requested.

Manager Tom Ruth shared a presentation on the SHARES Radio system implementation plan that would allow for emergency communications with critical partners as a part of Western's continuity of operations plan. Terry Hobbs moved that Western invest the funds to enroll in the program and it was seconded by Richard Schaus. Upon vote the motion passed.

E. Jay Deines, Attorney, entered the meeting.

Manager Tom Ruth presented a proposal to have Power System Engineering perform a rate study on large industrial special contract load tariff LI-09. It was moved by Dale Weinhold and seconded by Landon Heier to approve PSE completing this rate study for WCE. Upon vote the motion passed.

Stacey Malsam gave an update on the Finance department.

Manager Ruth gave updates on Member Services, Information Services, Safety, Human Resources and Operations departments.

Frank Joy reported on Sunflower activities.

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.

Manager Tom Ruth presented the Manager's monthly expenses.

No Sunflower activity update was given as there has been no Sunflower board meeting since Western's last meeting.

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

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer of patronage capital credits was presented. It was moved by Landon Heier and seconded by Richard Schaus 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.

Frank Joy and Nick Zerr reported on the CoBank Western Plains Customer meeting.

Terry Hobbs and Frank Joy reported on the NRECA Annual meeting.

Terry Hobbs and Tom Ruth reported on KEC Activities.

The Safety Meeting minutes were reviewed; Manager Tom Ruth reported no accidents.

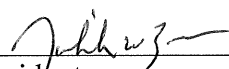
A list of contracts for electrical service and new memberships were presented. Frank Joy moved, Marvin Keller seconded, to approve as listed. Upon vote the motion passed.

Sue Rohleder moved, Landon Heier seconded, to enter into executive session. Upon vote the motion passed. After the allotted amount of time, the meeting returned to general session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be April 18th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.


Secretary

Approved by:


President