

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 June 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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 – Craig Crossland
Vice President – Terry Hobbs
Secretary/Treasurer – Richard Schaus

The meeting was then turned over to Craig Crossland, President.

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

Kansas Electric Cooperatives	Delegate – Hobbs Alternate – Tom Ruth
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation	Delegate – Joy and Tom Ruth Alternate–Rohleder and Stacey Malsam

A motion was made that the monthly board meetings be held the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc., in WaKeeney, Kansas, 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 was adjourned.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Crossland. The following trustees were present: Crossland, Hobbs, Joy, Rohleder, Luetters, Heier, Schaus, Keller and Weinhold. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager; Stacey Malsam and E. Jay Deines, Attorney, who kept the minutes of the meeting and Lee Tafarielli, CEO of Kansas Electric Cooperatives.

The minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2020 were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Rich Macke and Elena Larson from Power System Engineers were introduced to explain parts of the rate structures as to grain bin operators. At the end of the discussion, it was moved by Schaus and seconded by Weinhold that we leave the rates as they are. Upon vote taken, the

motion failed. It was moved by Joy and seconded by Rohleder to obtain a proposal from PSE to study the feasibility of a TOU pilot program to see how the consumers can modify their usage to be more efficient. Acceptance of this proposal will be dependent on cost and approval by the Board. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Tom Ruth, Manager, advised the board that Western Cooperative Electric received requests for a grant for community improvements. It was moved by Hobbs and seconded by Schaus to offer \$1,000.00 to be matched by CoBank to five of the six applicants. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Manager Ruth advised the board of the cancellation of the Youth Tour and advised that Kansas Electric Cooperative would return the deposit paid toward the program minus expenses incurred and suggested that the money go to the four (4) scholarship recipients. It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Weinhold to offer \$500.00 to each of the four (4) scholarship recipients. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

It was moved by Luetters and seconded by Keller to purchase additional signs needed to keep in compliance with DOT regulations. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Lee Tafanelli spoke to the board about current Kansas Electric Cooperative initiatives and how the current pandemic has affected Kansas coops. Mr. Tafanelli then exited the board meeting.

Kevin Kelso was introduced to review the 2019 Audit of Western Cooperative Electric financial records. He stated that no areas of concern were found and an unqualified opinion was issued. Ruth and Malsam were excused from the room to give the board an opportunity to discuss the Audit with Kevin Kelso without management present. Ruth and Malsam then re-entered the meeting.

Manager Ruth and Stacey gave the Manager's report and financial report using charts and graphs.

A list of delinquent accounts to be written off the books, a list of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Joy to approve the write-offs. Weinhold moved and Keller seconded to continue to extend COVID-19 payment plant terms to the end of the month. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Joy reported that there had not been a Sunflower meeting since last month.

Checks numbered 63895 through 64056 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Keller that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer patronage capital credits, which list is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Joy and seconded by Heier to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

The KEC report was given by Hobbs.

There was no safety meeting for the last month but there were no accidents.

A list of contracts for electrical service, a list of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Heier and seconded by Schaus 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, a list of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was presented. It was moved by Weinhold and seconded by Heier that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be July 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



Secretary

Approved by:



President