

## 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 February 20, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

The 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.

The minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2020 were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Tom Ruth, Manager, recognized Terry Hobbs and Craig Crossland for achieving completion of the Director Gold Credential Program (DGC).

President Crossland asked for names of those to be appointed to the nominated committee. The following were selected:

- District #1 – Frank Brungardt, Justin Ruder, Melvin Keller
- District #2 – John Kuppetz, Brian Staab, Eric Moden
- District #3 – Alan Stefek, John Payne, Larry Lundgren

Manager Ruth gave a discussion on insurance coverage for Western Cooperative Electric and Subcontractors. At the end of a discussion, it was moved by Keller and seconded by Rohleder to leave the subcontractors liability coverage at \$2,000,000.00. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning the annual meeting and how to increase attendance.

There was a discussion on the upcoming union negotiations. The consensus of the board was to have the Manager, Val Schneider, Ron Aschenbrenner (observer), and the attorney as representatives of Western Cooperative Electric at negotiations.

Craig Cramer was introduced, and he led a discussion on the vulnerability of Western Cooperative Electric to Cyber security.

Tom Ruth gave the Manager's report and financial report. Stacey assisted in explaining some of the figures. Updates were provided in the areas of Finance, HR, IT, Safety and Member Services. Ruth reported that the danger signage required for the Substation fences are faded and outdated and requested additional funds to update signage on multiple substations. It was moved by Weinhold and seconded by Keller that the funds be granted to approve \$8,200 for additional signage. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

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 Joy and seconded by Schaus to approve the write-offs. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Joy reported on Sunflower and Mid-Kansas activities for the last month.

Checks numbered 63120 through 63336 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 Luetters and seconded by Schaus to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

The CoBank report and Westerns Community Grants were reviewed.

The KEC report was given by Hobbs. He also discussed the KEC annual meeting.

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 safety meeting were reviewed and discussed.

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 Luetters 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 Keller that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Manager Ruth reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President