

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 December 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Crossland. The following trustees were present: Crossland, Hobbs, Joy, Rohleder, Luetters, Heier, Keller and Weinhold. Schaus joined via zoom. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager; Stacey Malsam, E. Jay Denies, Attorney, who kept the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2020 were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

Tom Ruth, Manager, presented the proposed 2021 Budget. After a discussion, it was moved by Hobbs and seconded by Rohleder to approve the 2021 Budget. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

An amendment to the annual financial audit uniform guidance agreement with Kelso Lynch, Certified Public Accountants, was presented. The audits will now include adding the required A-133 Audit procedures for FEMA funds. After review, it was moved by Joy and seconded by Heier to accept the contract and authorize signatures. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

President Crossland led a discussion on the nominating committee and proposed bylaw changes concerning the election of trustees.

Nolan Numrich presented the 2021 Annual Meeting timeline and how various data will be presented to members. A discussion followed concerning the distribution of ballots by Kansas County Living and their return. At the end of the discussion, it was the consensus of the board to proceed with the timeline presented by Nolan.

There was a discussion of offering scholarships in lieu of the cancelled KEC Youth Tour Trips. It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Weinhold to offer four \$1,000.00 scholarships. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Stuart Lowry was introduced to the board via telephone conference. He presented his proposed Sunflower budget for 2021 and other items of interest for Western Cooperative Electric.

The proposed transfer portion of T14-S5-R11 to Rolling Hills was discussed. It was moved by Luetters and seconded by Hobbs to transfer portion of T14-S5-R11 to Rolling Hills. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding potential power supply needs for Independent Salt.

Leslie Kaufman joined the meeting via zoom and gave an update on legislative activities.

Tom Ruth gave an update on how COVID was affecting Western and mitigating strategies.

Manager Ruth presented KEC BLC training option.

Manager Ruth gave the Manager's report of revenue and expenses.

Stacey Malsam reported on financial and regulatory updates.

Tom Ruth reported on safety concerns and accidents and referred to the safety report.

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

The Managers expense account was reviewed.

Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the last month.

Checks numbered 64813 through 64937 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 Heier to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

RUS, CFC and CoBank reports were reviewed.

Federated report was given.

The KEC report was given by Hobbs.

The NRECA report was reviewed.

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 Joy and seconded by Keller 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 Rohleder 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 January 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Schuss
Secretary

Approved by:

Craig Crossland
President