

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 20, 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, Schaus, Keller and Weinhold. Also present were Tom Ruth, General Manager; Stacey Malsam and E. Jay Denies, Attorney, who kept the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held July 16, 2020 were presented. The minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was reviewed and there was a request to move the Manager's Report and KECHIT retiree coverage discussion to earlier in the meeting. The agenda was approved as amended.

Manager Ruth gave the Manager's report.

Manager Ruth led a discussion about current KECHIT retiree coverage options and future options being discussed by plan participants. The Board came to a consensus that WCE supports phasing out of retirement coverage past age 65 if a future vote is held.

The IBEW Union negotiation counter-offer for a 3-year contract was discussed. It was then moved by Hobbs and seconded by Weinhold to adopt the proposed agreement. Upon vote taken, the motion failed. It was then moved by Weinhold and seconded by Rohleder to offer a one-year contract. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Tom advised the board of the Pancake Breakfast on September 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM, being hosted by KEC.

Manager Ruth continued his monthly report and reported that the system load increased in July. Stacey also reported on the financial report.

It was moved by Rohleder and seconded by Keller to apply for forgiveness on the PPP loan. 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 Rohleder and seconded by Joy to approve the write-offs. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

Joy reported on Sunflower activities for the last two monthly Sunflower meetings.

Checks numbered 64201 through 64377 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Joy and seconded by Schaus that the checks be accepted as printed. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

A list of members requesting a refund or transfer of 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 Keller to approve the request for refund or transfer of patronage capital credits. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

RUS, CFC and CoBank reports were given by Manager Ruth.

The KEC report was given by Hobbs.

The NRECA report was given by Manager Ruth.


The minutes of the July 15, 2020, safety meeting was reviewed and discussed. There were no accidents to report.

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 Rohleder 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 Luetters and seconded by Heier that the applicants be approved for membership. Upon vote taken, the motion carried.

President Crossland briefed the board on current Western Cares Policy and potential changes were discussed. No changes were made at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.


Secretary

Approved by:


President