

# FROM THE WCE BOARD

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held January 25, 2024

The meeting, was called to order by President Densil Allen Jr. Robert Simmons, secretary of the cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Dale Jarman, Jeremy Ahmann, Colby Dowell, Allen and Simmons. Also present was General Manager Michael Newland and attorney Sheri Smiley.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 21, 2023; expenditures for the month of December 2023; new membership applications and membership terminations.

## APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following January 2024 reports were approved:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Accounting Manager Rebecca Hoefflicker presented the December 2023 Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement. She reviewed the Financial and Statistical Report and Treasurer's Report with monthly and annual budget comparisons. She also gave the investment report. She presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios.

Operations Report: Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written Operations Report. He reported on crews and recent peer reviews. He reported on the Jan. 9 snow and wind storm and outages from that. Mechanic work and fleet were reported on. He gave an update on pressure washers. Brush crews and right-of-way was reported on. Spraying will begin sometime after Memorial Day weekend.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written Safety and Engineering Report. A safety meeting was held with operations and engineering with clear expectations set for the following year. Crew visits were done. An energy/staking department report was given. Hours worked without a lost-time accident, and hours driven in December were reported on.

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided a report to supplement his written Member Services Report. His report included RoundUp enrollment and RoundUp updates. Youth Tour presentations were given to local schools. Net metering contracts, incentive rates and member survey were reported on. The employee award banquet and changes to the office building were reported on. He reported on AECL Take Control and Save Rebate changes for 2024. He gave an overview of the electric car's performance for the year.

## NW ELECTRIC REPORT

Simmons and Newland reported on the January NW meeting. They reported on the deferred revenue, staffing and outages.

## POLICIES 5.3, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.11

The board approved staff's recommended changes to policies 5.3, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.11.

## REVIEW AND APPROVE SECTION 23

Schlotzhauer presented a change to the AECL rebates. A motion to



change Section 23 to reflect the policy change was approved.

## DISCUSS AND APPROVE REVENUE DEFERRAL

Newland and Hoefflicker reported on revenue deferral. The final numbers from NW Electric will be coming soon. The recommendation to record \$750,000.00 in deferral was approved.

## APPROVE FINANCIAL POLICY 3.16

Newland presented Policy 3.16 which was approved.

## REVIEW AND APPROVE 2024 BUDGET

Newland and Hoefflicker presented the 2024 budget. They reported on assumptions, estimates of demands, wholesale energy charges, rate increases, deferred revenue, staffing, revenues, expenses, margins, capital credits, projected sales and growth, right-of-way costs, the cost of purchase power, property taxes, depreciation, plant, fleet, interest expenses, work plan projects and historical data including proposed cash flows for the year. The budget was approved.

## ROUNDUP FOUNDATION REPORT

Dowell reported on the RoundUp meeting and donations given.

## NRECA VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Bredehoeft was named the NRECA voting delegate and Rhodes alternate.

## LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Sheri Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. He reported the Lafayette County sheriff wants to use poles to set up license plate readers. The agreement was approved. He then gave a detailed presentation of the districts of the co-op as set out in the bylaws. He showed where meters and members are, and a discussion was held on equitable representation under the bylaws. No further action was taken on the districts. The Policy Committee will meet at 9 a.m. before the next board meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

## MEETING ADJOURNED

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • December 2023

	This month	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,003,111</b>	<b>\$32,952,911</b>	<b>\$33,220,176</b>
Power Bill Expense	1,749,264	19,197,477	18,994,257
Operation & Maintenance Expense	641,307	7,586,394	8,270,634
Depreciation Expense	229,736	2,695,089	2,560,041
Interest Expense	127,236	1,490,532	1,382,428
<b>Total cost of Service</b> (Total Expense)	<b>2,747,543</b>	<b>30,969,492</b>	<b>31,207,360</b>
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	255,568	1,983,419	2,012,816
Other Margins	896,147	1,510,723	1,265,929
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$1,151,715</b>	<b>\$3,494,142</b>	<b>\$3,278,745</b>

