

FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM...

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

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative"), was held at the offices of the cooperative located in Higginsville, Missouri, at 9:30 a.m. on April 25, 2024, pursuant to the bylaws of the cooperative and previous resolution of the board of directors. The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen Jr. Attorney Sheri Smiley, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept.

The following directors were present: Allen, Robert Simmons, Clark Bredehoeft, Dale Jarman, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Jeremy Ahmann, Colby Dowell and Elizabeth Houtsma. Also present was General Manager Michael Newland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2024; expenditures for the month of March 2024; new membership applications and membership terminations and Treasurer's Report.

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

The following March reports were approved/accepted:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Newland presented the March 2024 Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement. He reviewed the Financial and Statistical Report and Treasurer's Report with monthly and annual budget comparisons. He also gave the investment report. He presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios. He reported no deferred revenue has yet been brought in for the year.

Operations Report: Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written Operations Report. He reported on crews and pole inspections that are starting; gave an update on the education crews had received during the month; reported on outages and causes for the month including the recent storm and high winds; gave a machine and fleet report, and reported on brush crews and right-of-way work being done.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written Safety and Engineering Report. As of March 31, 2024, employees have worked 515 days without a lost-time accident. Co-op employees drove a total of 37,367 miles as of the end of March without a serious accident. Pole attachments were discussed. He reported on safety meetings, crew visits and the RESAP audit. An engineering/staking report was given. The construction work plan is almost completed.

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided an oral report to supplement his written Member Services Report. His report included RoundUp enrollment and updates. Net metering contracts were reported on. Interviews for the John & Kathryn English Scholarship occurred. Rebates were reported on. The co-op participated in STEM night at Warrensburg Middle School. Capital credit training was attended. The fish fry at the Capitol was also reported on.

ROUNDUP FOUNDATION REPORT

Dowell reported on the RoundUp Foundation. He reported on who is on the board and terms that are expiring.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Newland led a discussion on the annual meeting. Food options, the speaker, the format to be used, and prizes were discussed. The nominating committee meets May 16. The per diem for the nominating committee was discussed. A motion passed to raise the per diem to \$75.00, plus mileage.



AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft presented the AMEC report from the meeting held April 2-3. He reported on speakers and provided written departmental reports.

N.W. ELECTRIC REPORT

Newland and Simmons reported on the April NW board meeting and the NW Annual Meeting. They reported on the speakers, the officers elected, an update on Lone Jack, incentive rates, and capital credit retirement.

FIDUCIARY DUTY BOARD POLICY AND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY

Smiley presented policies on fiduciary duty and conflict of interest. The policies will be reviewed every January. A motion was passed to implement the board policies. They will be brought back for signature next month.

Jarman then discussed potential bylaw changes suggested by the Bylaw and Policy Committee. The potential changes will be revised and brought back for review next month for presentation to the membership for the membership vote.

DISCUSS CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS

Newland presented staff's recommendations to increase the 2024 capital credit retirement from what had been passed last month for a total retirement of \$1.5 million. A discussion was held on the priority of the capital credit retirement. A motion was passed to retire 80% of \$1.5 million to 2005 and 20% of \$1.5 million to 2023.

APPOINT CFC AND FEDERATED ANNUAL MEETING VOTING DELEGATE

Dowell was appointed as the delegate and Simmons as the alternate to the CFC and Federated annual meeting.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. He reported on strategic planning tracking, and IT and iPad security. The Federated annual review of the insurance policy and cyber security insurance purchased was discussed. He reported AMEC is reviewing a potential health insurance plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The board voted to move the start time of board meetings to 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 11:58 a.m. and adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • March 2024

	This month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Revenue	\$2,463,472	\$9,406,892	\$9,388,074
Power Bill Expense	1,680,257	5,408,574	4,888,153
Operation & Maintenance Expense	735,603	1,949,183	1,716,076
Depreciation Expense	208,521	623,297	662,883
Interest Expense	125,925	381,695	366,218
Total cost of Service (Total Expense)	2,750,306	8,362,749	7,633,330
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(286,834)	1,044,143	1,754,744
Other Margins	36,145	77,242	73,137
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(250,689)	\$1,121,385	\$1,827,881

