

FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held March 28, 2024

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the offices of the cooperative located in Higginsville, Missouri, at 10 a.m. March 28, 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. Cooperative Attorney Sheri Smiley caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Allen, Clark Bredehoeft, Dale Jarman, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Jeremy Ahmann, Colby Dowell and Elizabeth Houtsma. Also present was General Manager Michael Newland. Director Robert Simmons arrived at 11:50 a.m. Dowell excused himself from the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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 Feb. 22, 2024; expenditures for the month of February 2024; new membership applications and membership terminations.

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

The following February reports were approved/accepted:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Accounting Manager Rebecca

Hoeflicker presented the February 2024 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. She gave an update on NW Margins.

CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT

Newland and Hoeflicker presented the Capital Credit Report Retirement recommendation. Staff's recommendation was to retire 55% of the 2005 Capital Credits for a total of \$998,949.19. After discussion the motion passed.

Operations Report: Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written Operations Report. He reported on crews and that there were no major outages for the month. He gave an update on the education crews had received during the month. He 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 Feb. 29, 2024, employees have worked 484 days without a lost-time accident. Co-op employees drove a total of 37,444 miles as of the end of February without a serious accident. He discussed NW substation sites and potential new load and housing developments. An engineering/staking report was given.

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 RoundUp updates. Net metering contracts were reported on. Interviews for scholarships occurred. Rebates were reported on. Continued issues with the US Postal Service and payments being mailed and received late were discussed. Online training was reported on and an annual meeting update was given. An update was also given on facilities.

IT Report: IT Manager Tim Bowler gave an IT report. He discussed Tech



Advantage. He also reported on an IT conference he attended.

NW REPORT

Newland reported on the March NW meeting. He reported on upcoming projects, grants, AECL, and outages.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Jarman gave a report on the scholarship awards given.

BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jarman gave a report on suggested changes the Bylaw Committee is considering.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were appointed to the 2024 Nominating Committee: Adam Heater, Paul Nolte, Jeremy Sanders, Will Grauberger, Charles Bartrum, Lance Thieman, Laura Smith and Stephanie Othich.

NRECA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The directors who attended the NRECA Annual Meeting gave a report.

BOARD SELF ASSESSMENT

The directors reviewed the self assessment results that they had completed. A policy on conflict of interest will be brought back for consideration.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. He reported on meetings in Lone Jack he attended. He discussed how the rate increase is being communicated and updated the board on an incorrect bill that had been sent to a member.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was called at 11:35 a.m. and adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Following the executive session, a motion was passed to approve the execution of a contract for services and two land leases for Evolution Technology, LLC.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • February 2024

| | This month | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue | \$3,253,284 | \$6,943,420 | \$6,612,766 |
| Power Bill Expense | 1,753,950 | 3,728,317 | 3,318,380 |
| Operation & Maintenance Expense | 616,275 | 1,213,579 | 1,117,752 |
| Depreciation Expense | 207,736 | 414,776 | 441,532 |
| Interest Expense | 117,937 | 255,770 | 237,149 |
| Total cost of Service (Total Expense) | 2,695,898 | 5,612,442 | 5,114,813 |
| Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses) | 557,386 | 1,330,978 | 1,497,953 |
| Other Margins | 21,476 | 41,097 | 38,173 |
| TOTAL MARGINS | \$578,862 | \$1,372,075 | \$1,536,126 |

