

# FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Aug. 25, 2022

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the Cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, 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: Densil Allen Jr., Colby Dowell, Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Jeremy Ahmann and Sandra Streit. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray and CFO Michael Newland.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Reorganization meeting was held and conducted by Smiley in accordance with the bylaws. The following officers were elected:

- President: Densil Allen, Jr.
- Vice President: Clark Bredehoeft
- Secretary: Robert Simmons
- Treasurer: Dale Jarman
- Assistant Secretary: Stan Rhodes

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, an amended agenda was approved.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2022; expenditures for the month of July 2022; new membership applications and membership terminations.

## APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following July reports were approved:

**Financing and Treasurer's Report:** Newland presented the July 2022 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. KRTA ratios were reviewed. The payment process for outside payments was reviewed. A decision was tabled until next month to allow for Staff to review issues with minimum payments. Deferred revenue was discussed. A motion was approved to take a \$3 million draw from RUS.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AUDIT --** Newland presented the 2022 audit report that was prepared by the accounting firm of Kelso-Lynch. There were no audit adjustments made. A motion to accept the audit as presented approved.

### Operations Report

Randy Burkeybile provided a written Operations Report and presented the report to the board. His report included the following: update on crews, outages for the month, a mechanic's report, updates on brush crews and right-of-way, and an update on the wire storage building was given. There was one injury with no lost time and one accident with a truck with no injuries.

**Safety and Engineering Report:** Pete Nelson provided a written Safety and Engineering Report and presented the report to the board. He reported on the NRECA conference he attended. Safety meetings, crew visits, and an engineer/staking department report was given. Make-ready work for fiber companies was discussed. An audit of high usage members was performed.

**Member Services Report:** Brent Schlotzhauer provided a written Member Services Report. He reported on Operation Round Up. He has received no complaints regarding the 2022 Annual Meeting. Solar systems and rebates given were also reported on as well as chamber meetings attended. He



attended the State Fair.

## AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft gave a written report. Items of interest included a legislative report, dues committee report and an AECI report. Governor Parsons was at the last meeting he attended.

## NW REPORT

Simmons reported on the N.W. Electric board meeting. He reported on the inflation bonus given to employees and salaries. An AECI update was given.

## CFC MEETING REPORT

Simmons and Jarman attended the CFC Statewide meeting. They reported on the speakers and attendance.

## ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

Gray led a discussion on the Annual Meeting wrap up for 2022. There were a couple of minor issues discussed with staff, but overall everything worked very well.

## HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Gray presented on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A resolution to adopt it was approved by the board.

## REVIEW STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The standing committees were reviewed. Ahmann will be replaced on the Scholarship Committee by Colby Dowell. Streit will replace Max Swisegood on the Bylaw Committee.

## APPOINT NRECA REGIONAL VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Simmons was appointed as the NRECA voting delegate and Gray as the alternate.

## LEGAL REPORT

Smiley presented a report on legal matters.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Gray presented the monthly Manager's Report. The Wage and Salary Committee will meet on Sept. 7, and the report will be given at the next board meeting. The retreat in January was discussed and dates will be provided next month. The topics to be covered, including the strategic planning with CFC, was discussed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 12:20 p.m. and adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

## FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • July 2022

	This month	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,918,860</b>	<b>\$19,623,909</b>	<b>\$17,918,870</b>
Power Bill Expense	1,660,974	11,139,686	10,224,024
Operation & Maint. Expense	620,090	4,125,517	3,992,468
Depreciation Expense	212,988	1,474,357	1,406,157
Interest Expense	111,397	792,004	808,926
<b>Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)</b>	<b>2,605,449</b>	<b>17,531,564</b>	<b>16,431,575</b>
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	313,411	2,092,345	1,487,295
Other Margins	14,644	111,206	64,891
<b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>	<b>\$328,055</b>	<b>\$2,203,551</b>	<b>\$1,552,186</b>

