

FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Feb. 23, 2023

The meeting, was held following the board retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, Mo. at 8 a.m. 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: Densil Allen Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Sandra Streit, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Jeremy Ahmann and Colby Dowell. Also present were General Manager Michael Newland and general counsel 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 January 26, 2023; expenditures for the month of January 2023; new membership applications and membership terminations.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following January reports were approved:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Newland presented the January 2023 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. Demand costs were discussed. The top KWH users for 2022 were reported on.

Operations Report: Operations Manager Scott Gard provided a report to supplement his written Operations Report. Work is being done on a subdivision outside of Warrensburg. Pole changes and new services were reported on. Training schools attended were reported on. There were no major outages for the month. An update on the storage building, a report on the mechanic and fleet was given and discussed.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided a report to supplement his written Safety and Engineering Report. A Safety Committee meeting was held. Safety meetings were reported on. Crew inspections were held and no safety violations were observed. Issues with pole attachments and make-ready work was discussed. He also reported on the new subdivision that is coming in.

Member Services Report: Brent Schlotzhauer provided a report to supplement his written Member Services Report. His report included Operation RoundUp enrollment and amount collected and how RoundUp awards are being sent through press releases. He gave an update on net metering and an update on the 2023 Legislative Conference that he and Bredehoeft attended. He also reported on chamber meetings he attended.

IT REPORT

IT Manager Tim Bowler gave the IT report. He discussed systems being used, including the AMI system and reports that can be generated from that system. He gave updates on internet reliability and the new phone system.

BUDGET

Accounting Manager Rebecca Hoeflicker and Newland presented the 2023 Operating Budget. They presented on assumptions, expenses, debt, interest rates, notes, historical data, deferred revenue, staffing supply chain issues and increased expenses, equity level, anticipated capital credits, right-of-way expenses, capital investments, safety and cash flow.

NRECA DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE REPORT

Directors who attended the conference discussed speaker presentations and break-out sessions attended including EV's and board room practice.

APPOINT NW VOTING DELEGATE

Strobel was appointed as the delegate and Allen as the alternate.



APPROVE AMEC PAC CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION

The board approved a \$1,500.00 contribution to the AMEC PAC.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT

The Board Self-Assessment was reviewed. The policy committee will meet to discuss how policies should be reviewed. Committees were discussed. The CEO Annual Performance Review was discussed and Attorney Smiley will bring back a proposed CEO evaluation for discussion for the board to complete in the Fall of 2023.

ROUNDUP FOUNDATION REPORT

Streit gave an update. Kyle Grumke and Amy Kephart were appointed to the RoundUp Foundation Board.

REVIEW AND APPROVE UPDATES TO SECTION 23

New rebates are available and were reported on and approved.

DISCUSS PREPAID METERING

Information will be sent to prepaid members that the cold weather rules for disconnect do not apply to prepaid metering.

AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft provided a written report on the AMEC department reports and on the meeting he attended Feb. 1. He reported on the legislative conference and on training courses that are coming out.

N.W. ELECTRIC REPORT

Simmons gave a report on the meeting he and Newland attended. An AECL written report was provided. He reported on margins, deferred revenue, outages and the upcoming annual meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. He reported on the MIP program and that the employee banquet is March 11. A discussion was also held on how we will be evaluated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

POLICY

Bredehoeft questioned if there should be a policy regarding how cancellations are paid if a board member can not make a scheduled conference. Attorney Smiley will bring back a policy for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 11:49 am and adjourned at 11:50 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • January 2023

	This month	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Revenue	\$3,281,842	\$3,281,842	\$3,314,460
Power Bill Expense	1,733,344	1,733,344	1,898,255
Operation & Maint. Expense	529,688	529,688	504,759
Depreciation Expense	220,838	220,838	207,763
Interest Expense	130,093	130,093	113,923
Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)	2,613,963	2,613,963	2,724,700
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	667,879	667,879	589,760
Other Margins	19,979	19,979	7,556
TOTAL MARGINS	\$687,858	\$687,858	\$597,316

