

From the WCE boardroom

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held July 24, 2025

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 9:30 a.m. July 24, 2025, 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 Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Stan Rhodes, Colby Dowell and Elizabeth Houtsma (by phone). Also present was General Manager Michael Newland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2025; expenditures for the month of June 2025; new membership applications and membership terminations, and the Treasurer's Report.

FINANCING AND TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Rebecca Hoefflicker presented the June 2025 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 reported on interest rates, the impact of large loads on the budget and projections for July. She gave updated budget numbers. She reviewed investments. New services connected were reported on. The impact to margins from large loads was discussed. The KRTA reports were provided to the board. The capital credit general retirement was processed. The financial reports were accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

The following staff reports were approved:

Operations Report

Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written Operations Report. He reported the new bucket truck had arrived, on crews, expansions worked on and outages and causes for the month. He gave a mechanic and fleet report. He reported on damage to a truck during a storm from a pole that belonged to Evergy and the response time to get to the linemen in the truck. A brush crew and ROW update was given. Progress being made on substations was reported on.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written Safety and Engineering Report. As of June 30, 2025, employees have worked 971 days without a lost-time accident. Co-op employees drove a total of 40,958 miles as of the end of June without a serious accident. He reported on safety meetings, crew visits, and gave an engineering/staking department report. He reported the materials have been ordered for the Holden project. A Lone Jack update was given. Audits by Federated and MECIP were performed and reported on.

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided a written Member Services Report. He provided updates on Operation RoundUp, parades participated in, the annual meeting preparation, the CYCLE conference, the chamber meetings attended and rebates given. The 2026 Member Satisfaction Survey from AECl was reported on. Bill inserts and a printing issue were reported on.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SECTION 3 – REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE

Newland presented a change to 3.5 on the requirements for services. The



change was approved.

POLICY 3.18

Newland presented an amendment to Policy 3.18 based on an amendment to NW Electric's change to the NR1 rate, which sets a minimum of when the rate can be requested. The amendment was approved.

POLICY 4.15

A new AI policy was presented by Newland and approved by the board.

NW REPORT

Simmons and Newland gave the NW Report. An update on the Turney gas plant and Lone Jack was given. They reported on the new Turney gas plant and AECl margins. They reported that David McDowell, the CEO/Manager has announced his retirement. An AECl report was provided in the board packet.

AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft reported the next meeting will be held Aug. 6.

DIRECTORS CONFERENCE REPORT

Directors attending the director's conference gave updates on the speakers.

ROUNDUP FOUNDATION REPORT

Newland gave an update on the July 14 meeting and awards granted.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Newland gave an annual meeting update.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

MANAGERS REPORT

Newland gave the Manager's Report. He reported the Oak Grove MSR position has been filled. He gave a staffing update. NRECA dues will be increasing in 2026. The large-load venture was discussed. A motion was made and passed to join the large-load venture. Margins and right-of-way was discussed. Additional right-of-way and clearing could be done this fall by one of the contractors, but would require an additional \$125,000 in the budget. The budget was amended for right-of-way clearing. Summer hours for union workers have started. The co-op is nearing a record high number of hours with no lost-time accidents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 11:45 a.m. and was out at 11:55 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2025 Statement of Operations

	This month	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Revenue	\$3,199,011	\$20,914,692	\$17,806,455
Power Bill Expense	2,176,856	12,772,026	10,888,143
Operation & Maintenance Expense	696,649	4,436,886	4,241,584
Depreciation Expense	219,443	1,302,328	1,251,789
Interest Expense	138,038	844,835	774,414
Total cost of Service (Total Expenses)	3,230,986	19,356,075	17,155,930
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(31,975)	1,558,617	650,525
Other Margins	31,268	195,041	170,399
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(707)	\$1,753,658	\$820,924