

FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held May 25, 2023

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the office of the Cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023, 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. Secretary Robert Simmons caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Allen, Simmons, Clark Bredehoeft, Stan Rhodes, Sandra Streit, Dale Jarman, Richard Strobel, Colby Dowell and Jeremy Ahmann. Also present were General Manager Michael Newland and Cooperative Attorney Sheri Smiley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include a District 1 Meeting Update and then approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2023; expenditures for the month of April 2023; new membership applications and membership terminations.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following April reports were approved:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Accounting Manager Rebecca Hoefficker presented the April 2023 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.

APPROVE AUDIT -- The audit for the period ending Dec. 31, 2022 was provided in the board packet. A clean audit was reported with no adjustments. After review the audit was accepted as presented.

AUDIT PROPOSAL -- An audit proposal for 2023 and 2024 from Kelso-Lynch was in the board packet. Staff recommended the board accept the audit proposal. The audit proposal was approved.

WRITTEN OFF ACCOUNTS -- A net of \$1,767.99 for the year end was presented for write offs after applying capital credits.

Operations Report: Operations Manager Scott Gard provided a written Operations Report. Pole changes and new services were reported on. Training given to crews was reported on. He reported on outages for the month. A report was given on brush crews and right-of-way.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided a written Safety and Engineering Report and presented the report to the board. Safety meetings, crew visits, and an engineer/staking department report was given. MECIP inspected the work crew and found no problems. New loads were discussed.

Member Services Report: Brent Schlotzhauer provided a report to supplement his written Member Services Report. His report included RoundUp enrollment. He reported on scholarship ceremonies attended. A net metering report was given. AMEC scholarships will be announced at the Fair. The co-op made a \$50.00 donation towards those scholarships. He reported on rebates and chamber meetings he attended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Smiley presented a Conflict of Interest Policy for the board of directors which was approved.

APPOINT AMEC ANNUAL MEETING VOTING DELEGATE

Bredehoeft was appointed the voting delegate and Simmons was named as the alternate.



DISTRICT 1 MEETING

Bredehoeft reported on the meeting he attended at NW Electric. He reported on all committee appointments and the nominations for awards.

AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft reported on the executive committee meeting he attended on May 23. He reported on the new auditor, FR clothing program, safety and training, Linemen Appreciation Day, new legislation, Rural Missouri magazine updates, the State Fair, Missouri director training, the Legislative Conference, coal generation and the NRECA director's conference.

NW ELECTRIC REPORT

Simmons gave a report on the meeting he and Newland attended. An AECl written report was provided. The site for Lone Jack updates was reported on. He also reported on margins, deferred revenue, outages and a potential gas plant being planned. The audit was presented and there was a clean audit for last year.

AECI ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Directors who attended the meeting reported on the speakers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Smiley gave the report from the May 11 Nominating Committee meeting. She reported Simmons and Strobel were nominated for two positions for District 3, and Allen and Ralph Damon were nominated for one position for the at-large position.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave a legal report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. The annual meeting and door prizes were discussed. He asked that a donation be made to the CFC Integrity Fund. The board voted to make a \$250.00 donation. He reviewed price increases on materials and discussed a rate study and cost-of-service study. Toth can complete the study by the end of the year and it has been budgeted. The board consensus was to have Toth move forward. Equity management was discussed and will be discussed more at the committee level. He reported on the CFC new CEO orientation he attended and reported on staffing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Streit asked that Policy 2.9 be changed to clarify the name of legal counsel as Friel, McCord & Smiley, LLC. The board voted to amend the policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • April 2023

	This month	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Revenue	\$2,297,921	\$11,685,995	\$11,927,408
Power Bill Expense	1,401,358	6,289,511	6,549,026
Operation & Maint. Expense	569,637	2,285,714	2,238,684
Depreciation Expense	222,502	885,385	837,073
Interest Expense	116,593	482,811	447,591
Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)	2,310,090	9,943,421	10,072,374
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(12,169)	1,742,574	1,855,034
Other Margins	21,663	94,801	66,331
TOTAL MARGINS	\$9,494	\$1,837,375	\$1,921,365

