

FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held July 23, 2020

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, July 23, 2020, 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. Robert Simmons, secretary of the cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Densil Allen Jr., Max Swisegood, Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Sandra Streit, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons and Jeremy Ahmann. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray, CFO Michael Newland and general counsel Sheri Smiley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, upon motion made by Swisegood seconded by Strobel and passed, the amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2020; expenditures for the month of June 2020; new membership applications and membership terminations.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following february reports were approved:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Newland presented the June 2020 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. He reported on June 2020 financials from West Central Services. The board discussed line loss. He reported that RFP's had been sent to auditors and they should be back by August 15, 2020. The audit for West Central Electric Round Up Foundation, Inc., was done by Kevin Kelso, CPA, and the charge for that was \$2600.00. The board discussed the bylaw provision of the Foundation relating to audits and the consensus was that the audit fee would be paid by the Foundation. A motion was made by Bredehoeft and seconded by Ahman to amend Article XVII of the bylaws of the Foundation to allow the board to use agreed-upon procedures to have a review done every year by an outside company, and an audit every five years unless decided earlier by the West Central Board of Directors. After discussion the motion passed. The notice to amend the bylaws of the Foundation pursuant to Article XVII will be followed and the bylaw amendment will be voted on at the August meeting. He also discussed the RUS loan package that is being worked on and reported that RUS will be doing a presentation to the board at the next meeting.

Operations and Safety Report: Randy Burkeybile provided a written Operations and Safety Report. His report included the following: a crew update, no major outages in June, and a report on fleet maintenance. He also reported on safety meetings, crew visits and audits of the trucks.



Engineering Report: Dan Disberger provided a written Engineering Report. He reported on the following: staking projects and gave a right-of-way report.

Member Services Report: Brent Schlotzhauer presented a written Member Services Report. He reported on Operation Round Up. He reported on how collection accounts will be handled and letters that were mailed. He gave an update on net metering and rebates and reported on the Missouri State Fair.

NW REPORT

Swisegood presented the NW Report. Items of interest included: Dave Deihl was named as the new NW President. He updated on out-ages, margins, solar, and reliability. He reported that the 2021 board meeting dates had been set and the policies that were being reviewed.

WEST CENTRAL ROUND UP FOUNDATION REPORT

Streit gave the Foundation report. She gave an update on recent meetings.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley presented a report on legal matters. The net-metering agreement was discussed and changes will be made the agreement to address insurance concerns.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Gray presented his monthly Manager's Report. Items of interest included: The CFC meeting will be held on Aug. 14. Gray was selected as the delegate and Simmons is the alternate. The Co-Bank director election will be held and nominees were discussed. Gray discussed the Iowa Healthcare Plan. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to monitor the plan for two years to see if it is something the cooperative would consider switching to. He reported that two IEDS scholarships were given. He gave an update on how the inside staff is working and COVID-19 precautions being taken. He gave an update on how the members will return their director election ballots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was called at 12:05 p.m. and was dismissed at 12:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • June 2020

	This month	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Revenue	\$2,199,277	\$15,163,852	\$14,901,388
Power Bill Expense	1,448,912	8,594,234	8,922,842
Operation & Maint. Expense	630,329	3,589,646	3,757,309
Depreciation Expense	193,779	1,153,922	1,093,210
Interest Expense	126,021	715,606	704,061
Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)	2,399,041	14,053,408	14,477,422
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(199,764)	1,110,444	423,966
Other Margins	8,606	80,976	148,115
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(191,158)	\$1,191,420	\$572,081

