

# FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Nov. 24, 2020

The meeting was held via teleconference due to COVID-19 health concerns and recent recommendations from the local health experts, where all parties could hear each other and all parties could speak to each other, 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. Sheri Smiley, attorney for the cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Allen, Robert Simmons, Max Swisegood, Clark Bredehoeft, Dale Jarman, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Sandra Streit and Jeremy Ahmann. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray, CFO Michael Newland and 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 Oct. 22, 2020; expenditures for the month of October 2020; new membership applications and membership terminations.

## APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following October 2019 reports were approved:

**Financing and Treasurer's Report:** Newland presented the October 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 October 2020 financials from West Central Services. He reported on the hurricane hours that had been billed out to other co-ops and the rebate received on the credit card from CFC.

**Operations and Safety Report:** Randy Burkeybile provided a written Operations and Safety Report. His report included the following: a crew update, outages for the month, and a report on current COVID-19 numbers at the cooperative and how the office is handling quarantines and brining in staged crews to try and combat COVID issues. He also reported on inspections and crews sent to Alabama for hurricane relief the end of October. He reported on the safety meetings, crew visits and safety audits. He reported on the new apprentice that was hired. He reported on the broken pole hit during a fatality car accident.

**Engineering Report:** Dan Disberger provided a written Engineering Report. He reported on the following: staking projects, pole inspections that were currently ongoing and gave a Right-of-Way Report. He also gave a report on solar installations and potential new services were also reported on.

**Member Services Report:** Brent Schlotzhauer presented a written Member Services Report. He reported on Operation Round Up. He attended the 4th quarterly District 1 member services meeting at NW. He will be a standing member of the AMEC member service planning committee. He discussed the vaccine potentials for the co-op and reported that everyone has been equipped to work from home to keep operations running should the office need to close due to COVID.



## BYLAW CHANGE FOR WEST CENTRAL FOUNDATION

Smiley presented the proposed bylaw change to the West Central Foundation. The following Bylaw change passed:

### ARTICLE XXVI AUDIT

The board of directors of the foundation shall on an annual basis cause the books and records of the foundation to be reviewed by an outside company on agreed upon procedures and audited by a certified public accountant every five years unless decided earlier by the West Central Board of Directors and a report in keeping with sound accounting principles to be issued to the board of directors of the foundation and the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative. The cost of any audit shall be paid from funds of West Central Electric Cooperative.

### BOARD POLICY 3.10

Gray and Newland presented revisions to Board Policy 3.10. After much discussion the revision passed to amend the policy as presented with possible additional amendments to be made at a later time.

### NW REPORT

No report for November.

### LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Gray presented his monthly Manager's Report. He reported on his discussion with Everyg. He reported that the Youth Tour winners will not be able to go to Washington DC this year. He proposed instead giving a scholarship to the winners instead. A \$3,000.00 scholarship to each winner was approved.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Streit said she would like the co-op to look into the Co-op Connections Card as a member benefit. Gray said he will have Member Services review and report back at an upcoming board meeting.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was called.

### MEETING ADJOURNED

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

## FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • October 2020

|   | This month         | YTD 2020            | YTD 2019            |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                            | <b>\$2,085,564</b> | <b>\$24,672,153</b> | <b>\$24,196,414</b> |
| Power Bill Expense                        | 1,120,290          | 13,992,707          | 14,428,081          |
| Operation & Maint. Expense                | 512,588            | 5,752,073           | 6,205,381           |
| Depreciation Expense                      | 196,648            | 1,936,855           | 1,842,699           |
| Interest Expense                          | <u>116,512</u>     | <u>1,192,207</u>    | <u>1,182,326</u>    |
| <b>Total cost of Srv. (Total Expense)</b> | <b>1,946,038</b>   | <b>22,873,842</b>   | <b>23,658,487</b>   |
| Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses) | 139,526            | 1,798,311           | 537,927             |
| Other Margins                             | <u>13,002</u>      | <u>165,605</u>      | <u>243,401</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL MARGINS</b>                      | <b>\$152,528</b>   | <b>\$1,963,916</b>  | <b>\$781,328</b>    |

