

Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 22, 2024
Greenville, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the office of Southwestern Electric Cooperative headquarters in Greenville, IL pursuant to notice given. Vice President Jared Stine called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following directors were present constituting a quorum:

Sandy Grapperhaus
Annette Hartlieb
Bill Jennings (via video conference)
Brad Lurkins
Ann Schwarm
Jared Stine
Marvin Warner
Ted Willman

President Jerry Gaffner was absent, and Vice President Jared Stine was appointed President pro tempore. Staff members present were Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams, Chief Financial Officer Becky Jacobson, Chief Operating Officer Vic Buehler, and Executive Assistant Brooke Scott. Also present were AIEC President/CEO Craig Sondgeroth and AIEC Vice President of Government Relations Nick Reitz.

AIEC Update:

Sondgeroth and Reitz gave an update on services provided by AIEC, government relations and other legislative items. Topics discussed included:

- Governor speech,
- Power grid reliability,
- Training,

- Cyber security,
- Service requests,
- Overview of proposed bills,
- Lobby Day,
- Co-op Political Action Committee (PAC).

After discussion, Sondgeroth and Reitz left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

Executive Session:

At 7:08 p.m., Grapperhaus made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Freedom Operations and personnel matters. Schwarm seconded; motion carried. At 8:02 p.m., Willman made a motion to leave executive session. Hartlieb seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the budget and regular board meeting held on January 25, 2024, were considered. On a motion made by Warner, seconded by Grapperhaus and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

Staff Reports & Presentations

CFO's Report:

CFO Becky Jacobson's report included:

- Revised financial reports for twelve months ended December 31, 2023, including:
 - MISO billing.
 - Fixed assets.
 - Commissions.
 - Net Margins.
- Preliminary financial reports for one month ended January 31, 2024, including:
 - KWH Sold.
 - Net Margins.
- Update on projects and other matters.
 - Full inventory count.
 - Fix assets.
 - Audit.
 - Year-end Financial Reports.

Operating Report and Work Order Summary Approval:

Hartlieb made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$1,152,443.62 for January 2024. Grapperhaus seconded; motion carried.

CEO's Report:

CEO Bobby Williams's report included:

- Member matters.
- Work Plan projects.
- Power transformers.
- Capital credit matters.
- Capacity.
- Annual Meeting.
- Software conversion.
- AMI.
- Topics from staff reports.

Membership Applications and Terminations:

January's list of membership applications and February's list of terminations were sent to the board prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Lurkins, and carried to accept 46 applications for membership for January 2024, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Hartlieb, and carried to formally acknowledge the termination of 18 memberships for February 2024, effective as of the date on which the cooperative ceased furnishing services, and the release of capital credits to members and members' estates totaling to \$34,850.06.

Report on Director Training:

Stine, Jennings, and Warner attended NRECA Course 973.1: Moving the Fence A Guide to Shared Services through AIEC. They gave verbal and written reports to the board. Some of the topics discussed were shared services, retirement, and succession planning.

AIEC Board Meeting Report:

Schwarm attended the AIEC Board Meeting on February 15. She gave a verbal report to the board. The topics of discussion included an update on legislation, financials, and their Youth Tour event.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Lurkins, seconded by Willman, and carried give Williams the authorization to pursue an agreement to hedge 20 MW ZRCs at no more than \$4.40/KW month in all four seasons for the MISO Zone 4 24/25 planning year.

A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Hartlieb, and carried to give Williams the authority to purchase .59 additional acreage for the Pocahontas Substation.

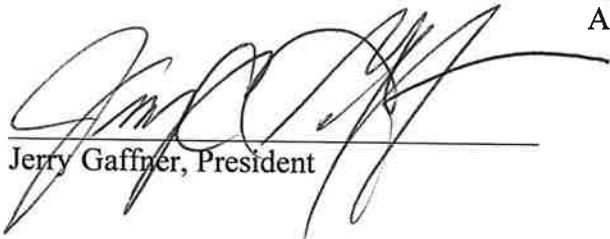
New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Attest:



Jerry Gaffner, President



Annette Hartlieb, Secretary