

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 23, 2021
Greenville, IL**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the office of Southwestern Electric Cooperative headquarters in Greenville, IL pursuant to notice given. President Ann Schwarm called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following directors were present constituting a quorum:

Jerry Gaffner
Sandy Grapperhaus
Annette Hartlieb
Bill Jennings
Sandy Nevinger
Ann Schwarm
Jared Stine
Marvin Warner
Ted Willman

Staff members present were Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams (via video conference), Chief Financial Officer Becky Jacobson, and Executive Assistant Brooke Scott.

Reorganization of the Board and Committees:

President of the Board: Nevinger made a motion to nominate Ann Schwarm as president of the board. Warner seconded; motion carried. Willman moved to close nominations. Stine seconded; motion carried. A verbal vote was taken. Ann Schwarm was elected to serve as president for the 2021-2022 term.

Vice President of the Board: Jennings made a motion to nominate Sandy Grapperhaus as vice-president of the board. Willman seconded; motion carried. Warner moved to close nominations. Stine seconded;

motion carried. A verbal vote was taken. Sandy Grapperhaus was elected to serve as vice-president for the 2021-2022 term.

Secretary of the Board: Grapperhaus made a motion to nominate Annette Hartlieb as secretary of the board. Nevinger seconded; motion carried. Stine moved to close nominations. Warner seconded; motion carried. A verbal vote was taken. Annette Hartlieb was elected to serve as secretary for the 2021-2022 term.

Treasurer of the Board: Nevinger made a motion to nominate Jerry Gaffner as treasurer of the board. Stine seconded; motion carried. Warner moved to close nominations. Hartlieb seconded; motion carried. A verbal vote was taken. Jerry Gaffner was elected to serve as treasurer for the 2021-2022 term.

Reorganization of the Committees:

The 2021-2022 committee appointments are as follows:

Executive Committee: Chairperson: President Ann Schwarm. Committee members: Vice President Sandy Grapperhaus, Secretary Annette Hartlieb, and Treasurer Jerry Gaffner. Staff representative: CEO Bobby Williams.

Policies & Bylaws Committee – Chairperson: Sandy Nevinger. Committee members: Marvin Warner, Jared Stine, and Ann Schwarm. Staff representatives: Bobby Williams and VP of HR Carrie Knebel.

Business & Economic Development Committee – Chairperson: Annette Hartlieb. Committee members: Sandy Grapperhaus and Jerry Gaffner. Staff representative: VP of Business Development and Marketing Andrew Jones.

Cyber Security Committee – Chairperson: Sandy Grapperhaus. Committee members: Bill Jennings, Annette Hartlieb and Sandy Nevinger. Staff representatives: VP of IT Vic Buehler and Director of IT Thad Intravaia.

Member & Community Engagement Committee – Chairperson: Bill Jennings. Committee members:

Jerry Gaffner, Ted Willman and Annette Hartlieb. Staff representatives: VP of Member Services Susan File, Andrew Jones, and VP of Communications Joe Richardson.

Scholarship Committee – Chairperson: Jared Stine. Committee members: Ann Schwarm, Marvin

Warner, Ted Willman, and Sandy Nevinger. Staff representatives: Susan File, Art Director Mike Barns, Executive Assistant Brooke Scott, and Freedom Power Plant GM Russ Gilbert.

Emerging Technologies Committee – Chairperson: Jerry Gaffner. Committee members: Sandy

Grapperhaus, Jared Stine, and Ann Schwarm. Staff representatives: Bobby Williams and Energy Manager Julie Lowe.

Evaluation & Compensation Committee – Chairperson: Ted Willman. Committee members: Marvin

Warner, Annette Hartlieb, and Ann Schwarm. Staff representative: Carrie Knebel.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 26, 2021, were considered. On a motion made by Nevinger, seconded by Stine and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

Minutes of the special board meeting held on September 2, 2021, were considered. On a motion made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Hartlieb and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

Staff Reports & Presentations

Report of Operations and Construction

CFO Becky Jacobson's report included:

- Preliminary Statement of Operations for one month, and eight months ended August 31, 2021.
 - Total Sales of Electricity.
 - Cost of Power.
 - Other Operating Revenue.
 - Gross Operating Margins.
- Cash Flow Status.
 - Unreconciled Bank Balances.
 - Cash Outlay.
 - Debt.

- Accounting for turbine repair.
- Net gain from sale of Holiday Shores property.
- Ongoing work:
 - 3rd Quarter budget analysis.
 - Form 990.
 - Accounting Manager position.
 - Freedom analysis.
 - Net present value analysis.
 - Cost of construction project.

Operating Report and Work Order Summary Approval

August's Operating Report and Work Order Summary will be considered at October's board meeting.

CEO's Report:

CEO Bobby Williams' report included:

- No lost time accidents for August.
- Status of Maple Grove Transmission Line project.
- Freedom operations.
- Member matters.
- Donation requests.
- Job openings.
- CapEx analysis.
- Highlights from the Staff Reports.

Membership Applications and Terminations

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

A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Nevinger, and carried to accept 106 applications for membership for August 2021, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Hartlieb, seconded by Nevinger, and carried to formally acknowledge the termination of 15 memberships for September 2021, effective as of the date on which the cooperative ceased furnishing services, and the release of capital credits to the members' estates totaling to \$53,319.87.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Gaffner, seconded by Warner and carried to open a new, separate bank account at Bradford National Bank for member refund checks.

The 2021 Virtual Business and Election Meeting for Touchstone Energy Cooperative is on Wednesday, December 1st. A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Hartlieb and carried, to appoint Jennings as the voting delegate and Stine as the alternate for the Touchstone Business and Election Meeting.

The board discussed a member's request to offset the cost of adding capacitors to help their power factor. No action was taken.

The board discussed the donation request for "Connecting All Comets" sports complex campaign. No action was taken.

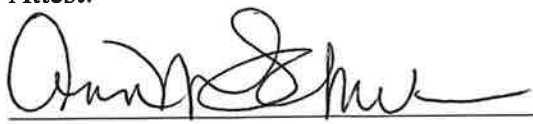
Grapperhaus made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Bond County Fairgrounds and \$250 to the I-70 QMA Speedway for allowing us to use their facilities for our annual meeting. Hartlieb seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Annette Hartlieb, Secretary

Attest:


Ann Schwarm, President

