

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**March 24, 2022**  
**Greenville, IL**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:00 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 (*via video conference*)  
Ann Schwarm  
Jared Stine  
Marvin Warner  
Ted Willman

Staff members present were Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams, Chief Financial Officer Becky Jacobson, Chief Operating Officer Marvin Ayala, and Executive Assistant Brooke Scott. Garrett Cole from GDS was present via video conference.

**Executive Session:**

At 6:01 p.m., Grapperhaus made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Freedom Operations. Hartlieb seconded; motion carried. At 6:35 p.m., Warner made a motion to leave executive session. Jennings seconded; motion carried. Cole left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Willman, seconded by Stine and carried to direct management and GDS to further investigate the potential sale of Freedom Power Station.

A motion was made by Hartlieb, seconded by Gaffner and carried to direct management to investigate how to unravel HRCO from the BP Energy contract.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 2, 2022, were considered. On a motion made by Jennings, seconded by Grapperhaus and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **Staff Reports & Presentations**

#### **Report of Operations and Construction**

CFO Becky Jacobson's report included:

- Balance Sheet review for 2021 Year-end and one month ended January 31, 2022.
  - Total Utility Plant
  - Work-in-progress (WIP)
  - Cash position status.
  - Notes payable.
- Statement of Operations for 2021 Year-end and one month ended January 31, 2022.
  - Total Sales of Electricity
  - Total Revenue
  - Cost of Purchased Power
  - Operation and Maintenance Expense
  - Operating Margins
- Update on various accounting matters.

#### **Operating Report and Work Order Summary Approval**

Grapperhaus made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$382,784.49 for December 2021. Warner seconded; motion carried.

Stine made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$886,592.80 for January 2022. Willman seconded; motion carried.

February's Work Order Summary will be presented at April's regular board meeting.

The meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

### **CEO's Report:**

VP of Member Services Susan File joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m. to discuss the 2022 Annual

Meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Venue.
- Layout.
- Food trucks from local organizations.
- Minimum cost for food trucks.
- EV car show.

File left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CEO Bobby Williams' report included:

- No lost time accidents for February.
- Update on Maple Grove transmission line project.
- Crypto Mining.
- Update on Freedom operations.
- Member matters.
- SWECI communication department national awards.
- Load Modifying Resources (LMRs) and Aggregators of Retail Customers (ARCs)
- Material supply chain issues.
- Outages.
- Update on SWECI projects.

### **Membership Applications and Terminations**

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

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Stine, and carried to accept 73 applications for membership for February 2022, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Hartlieb, seconded by Willman, and carried to formally acknowledge the termination of 20 memberships for March 2022, effective as of the date on which the cooperative ceased furnishing services, and the release of capital credits to the members' estates totaling to \$49,225.89.

### **Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Jennings, and carried to host the 2022 Annual Meeting at the Highland Middle School. The executive committee will meet to further discuss the 2022 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Grapperhaus and carried to adopt the following board resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that as the Relevant Electric Retail Regulatory Authority for SWCC, the Board hereby prohibits the participation of Aggregators of Retail Customers in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) markets.

Nevinger left the meeting at 9 p.m.


**Report on Director Training:**

Warner, Stine, and Gaffner attended the PowerXchange Conference formally known as NRECA's Annual Meeting. They each gave verbal and written reports to the board on their takeaways from this year's meeting and pre-conference courses. Some of the topics discussed were renewable energy, fossil fuel and nuclear generation plants, microgrids, governance, EV, and work climate post pandemic.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest:

  
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~~Annette Hartlieb, Secretary~~  
Jared Stine, Secretary Pro-temp

  
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Ann Schwarm, President

Sandy Grapperhaus, Vice President