

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. was held at 1411 Landis Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Directors present were Weldon Fitch, Thad H. Waters, Jr., Davin McMurry, Charles Hixon, Alton L. Welch, Jr., and Richard Strong. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, James Berry, Attorney, Anna Tibbit and Nora Pylant, Accountant.

Mr. Fitch called the meeting to order. Mr. Churchwell led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the July 25, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the August 10, 2023, special board meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell gave the safety report.

Mrs. Tibbit discussed the 2023 annual meeting. After some discussion the Board decided to offer a \$20 bill credit for each member in attendance and a registration gift. The meeting will be held October 24, 2023, at LDCC.

Mr. Churchwell reminded the Board that the nominating committee would meet in September. The following nominating committee is composed of the following individuals: Mr. Samuel Earl, Mr. John Moroni, Mr. Bendel Clack, Mr. Ed Bain, Mr. Artis Lewis, Mr. Bill King, Mr. Freddy Payne, and Mr. Jimmy Harper.

Mrs. Pylant presented the July income statement and manager's report. The CLECO invoice and residential rate comparison were also reviewed.

Mr. Fitch reported that 1803 Electric Cooperative has started the search for an energy manager. There will be a joint RFP with Magnolia Energy. CLECO has agreed to meet with each Cooperative concerning the assets that the Cooperative owns versus CLECO assets. That meeting will take place prior to December 31, 2023. Mr. Churchwell reported that 1803 hired Mr. Raul Travieso as a consultant during this transition time. Mr. Churchwell reported that Mr. Rob Repsher has been hired as Chief Operating Officer. He also reported that Magnolia intends to have an event in the late fall at the new plant and all cooperatives are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Churchwell reported that Volt Broadband continues mainline construction. After a vehicle accident on Johnny Walker Road, the Archibald feeder opening has been delayed after the cabinet was destroyed. There are no additional feeders open since the July meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Waters seconded by Mr. Hixon and carried, none opposed, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the following capital credits totaling \$ 20,672.98 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On the motion made by Mr. Strong seconded by Mr. McMurry and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 67 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc.: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Weldon Fitch, *President*

Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*