

**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. was held at 1411 Landis Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana on Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Directors present were Weldon Fitch, Thad H. Waters, Jr., Steve Pylant, Charles Hixon, Ronald Pippin, Alton L. Welch, Jr., Davin McMurry and Justin Rials. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, James Berry, Attorney, and Nora Pylant.

Mr. Fitch called the meeting to order. Mr. Churchwell led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

The minutes of the December 16, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there were no accidents reported in December 2024.

Mrs. Pylant presented the December manager's report and income statement. She also reviewed the wholesale power invoice. Mr. Churchwell informed the Board that 1803 Electric is holding a wholesale rate workshop on January 31 to review the new wholesale power invoice. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the residential rate comparison and updated the Board concerning the NELPCO rate case.

Mr. Churchwell presented the Board with the 2024 audit engagement letter from Heard, McElroy, and Vestal. There was some discussion concerning 2024 and future audits. On a motion made by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Hixon and carried, none opposed, the Board approved Heard, McElroy, and Vestal as the audit firm for the 2024 audit.

Mr. Fitch reported that the transition to 1803 Electric Cooperative as the wholesale power provider was seamless. He and Mr. Churchwell discussed the 1803 work plan and the transfer of transmission assets.

Mr. Berry updated the Board concerning the Gentry litigation.

Mr. Churchwell reported that Volt Broadband, LLC is now available to all NELPCO members.

On a 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 \$ 11,298.42 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On the motion made by Mr. Rials, seconded by Mr. Pylant and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 40 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.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*