

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING - WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
September 26, 2023

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, September 26, 2023.

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

GridLiance presented to the Board concerning the Cleco Cajun Asset Ownership.

The GridLiance team exited the meeting.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the August 22, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell gave the safety report, there were no reported accidents for the month of August. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the current lineman training program and reported there are three newly licensed commercial drivers.

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

Mr. Churchwell reported that Mr. Proctor's testimony is being finalized before filing the rate case with the LPSC. The case should be filed prior to September 30. Mr. Churchwell informed the Board that interim rate relief is a possibility.

Mr. Churchwell read the 2023 nominating committee report (See Attached).

Mr. Fitch reported that GridLiance is actively pursuing the option to purchase the Cooperative assets. 1803 Electric Cooperative is also looking at the option to purchase the Cooperative assets. The 1803 Electric Cooperative representatives will be attending the NELPCO November board meeting. A new board member for BeCi was appointed since Mr. Kevin Turner has officially retired. Mr. Brian Zelenak is the interim GM for BeCi and will serve as the new board member. The Calpine unsolicited offer has been submitted for approval at the LPSC.

Mr. Churchwell reported that Volt Broadband continues mainline construction in West Carroll and East Carroll parishes. All Archibald feeders are open, and installations are averaging around 50 weekly. The make ready construction work continues in East Carroll and northern Franklin parishes.

On motion made by Mr. Waters seconded by Mr. Strong 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. Hixon seconded by Mr. McMurry and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 55 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc.: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

The December board meeting will be held on December 19, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*