

**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 Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Directors present were Weldon Fitch, Thad H. Waters, Jr., Davin McMurry, Charles Hixon, Ronald Pippin, Alton L. Welch, Jr., and Richard Strong. 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.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the December 28, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there have been no accidents reported since the last meeting.

Mr. Churchwell reviewed the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between NELPCO and LDCC. Mr. Berry approved the agreement. Mr. Churchwell explained that NELPCO would move the current training field from the Log Cabin office to LDCC campus in Winnsboro as part of a Lineman One class training exercise. The agreement allows NELPCO use of classroom space for the NELPCO Lineman Training Program. The agreement is for a period of two years, ending December 31, 2025. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Pippin, none opposed, to authorize Mr. Fitch to sign the agreement on behalf of NELPCO.

Mr. Churchwell discussed the social media policy that was presented at the December 2023 board meeting. On motion made by Mr. McMurry, seconded by Mr. Strong and carried, none opposed, the policy was adopted.

Mr. Churchwell reported that as of January 1, the billing reflects the approved interim rates. He informed the Board that town hall style meetings are scheduled with the agriculture members February 6-9. The purpose of these meetings is to give the members the opportunity to understand the reason for the rate increase and ask any questions related to their account.

Mrs. Pylant presented the November income statement and the December income statement and manager's report. Mrs. Pylant reviewed the 2023 income statement, discussing increases in certain expense accounts. Mr. Churchwell discussed the current mapping project with the Board. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the CLECO Cajun invoice and the residential rate comparison. Mrs. Pylant informed the Board that Heard, McElroy and Vestal were scheduled for field work March 4-8 for the 2023 audit. After some discussion, Mr. Hixon made a motion that Heard, McElroy and Vestal complete the 2023 audit, the motion was seconded by Mr. McMurry and carried with no opposition.

Mr. Churchwell reviewed the 1803 Electric resolution and amendment to the Wholesale Power Contract that was discussed at the December 2023 meeting. On motion made by Mr. Waters and seconded by Mr. Pippin, and carried, none opposed the Board adopted the resolution and amendment. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Churchwell reported to the Board the current status of the 1803 RFP for capacity shortfalls, transmission asset status and other operational activities.

Mr. Berry updated the board concerning the Gentry litigation. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Churchwell updated the board on Volt Broadband, LLC's progress. The take rate remains steady at 50%. Conexon is still on schedule to complete construction as agreed. He reported that Volt was expecting the first GUMBO payment within the next 15 days.

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

RESOLVED, that the following capital credits totaling \$15,077.51 be paid on behalf of deceased members: (List on file at Winnsboro office)

On the motion made by Mr. Hixon seconded by Mr. Pippin and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 35 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*