

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, December 20, 2022.

Directors present were Thad H. Waters, Jr., Davin McMurry, Alton L. Welch, Jr., Richard Strong, Charles Hixon and Weldon Fitch. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, 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 November 15, 2022, meeting, the minutes were approved as read. Mrs. Pylant reported no accidents for the month of November 2022. Mr. Churchwell reported Mrs. Pylant continues to work with the LDCC representatives on the new IWTP grant.

Mr. Churchwell reported there was no board report for November 2022. Inventory was counted at all three locations as of November 30 and compilation is ongoing. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the wholesale power bill for November and the residential rate comparison.

Mr. Fitch and Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning 1803. There was discussion about the hiring of a CEO for 1803. There continues to be work done on the IRP required by the LPSC, there have been no data requests from outside parties at this time.

Mr. Churchwell reported that fiber construction on Baskin 2 and Baskin 3 feeders continues and is currently around 75% complete. The Log Cabin construction is complete and feeder 1 was opened the week after Thanksgiving. Mr. Churchwell explained the need for a redundant drain. He also reported that the use of a right of way contractor in the make ready phase has benefited NELPCO, minimal outages from recent storms because of tree growth.

Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning the load switching around Crowville.

Mr. Churchwell proposed moving the board meeting dates to the fourth Tuesday of each month. On motion made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. McMurry and carried, none opposed, the Board voted to move the monthly meeting date to the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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 \$ 25,473.98 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On motion made by Mr. Hixon, seconded by Mr. Pippin and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 51 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc.: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On motion made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the Board entered executive session. Mr. Churchwell and Mrs. Pylant exited the room. On motion made by Mr. Hixon, seconded by Mr. Pippin and carried, none opposed, the Board exited executive session. Mr. Churchwell and Mrs. Pylant entered the room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*