

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. was held at 253 Black Bear Drive, Delhi, Louisiana on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

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

The minutes, of September 25, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Fitch called for the election of officers. Mr. Welch nominated Mr. Fitch as President; Mr. Hixon seconded the motion. Mr. Strong moved that all officers remain the same, the motion was seconded by Mr. Pylant, and carried no opposition.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there was an accident in September. Mr. Thomas Granger had the tip of his pinky finger pinched off while attempting to set a pole. Mr. Granger was off for 4 weeks, returning to work on October 22.

Mrs. Pylant presented the September manager's report and income statement and the wholesale power invoice. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the residential rate comparison.

Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning the NELPCO Base Rate Case at the LPSC.

Mr. Churchwell reviewed the insurance proposals presented to NELPCO. After some discussion, Mr. Waters, moved that NELPCO accept the Federated proposal, Mr. Pippin seconded that motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

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On motion by made by Mr. McMurry, seconded by Mr. Pylant, the Board appointed Mr. Justin Rials to serve as a Board member of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative representing Franklin Parish.

Mr. Fitch updated the Board concerning 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. He reported that the solar project is still being discussed and Mr. Churchwell reiterates the benefits of solar, if the project becomes feasible. The Magnolia Plant continues to experience transformer issues, now reporting an online date of May or June of 2025. Mr. Churchwell reported that the LPSC approved the transfer of assets to 1803.

Mr. Berry reported that there had been no update concerning the Gentry litigation, hopefully by the next meeting.

Mr. Churchwell updated the Board on Volt Broadband's progress. Mainline construction is completed. The remaining splicing in Fort Necessity is expected to be completed by the end of the week and Como by mid-November.

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 \$ 24,676.17 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On the motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Hixon 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)*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*