

**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING - WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA**  
*July 25, 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, July 25, 2023.

Directors present were Weldon Fitch, Thad H. Waters, Jr., Davin McMurry, Charles Hixon, Alton L. Welch, Jr., Richard Strong, Steve Pylant and Ronald Pippin. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, James Berry, Attorney, Anna Tibbit, Justin Proctor with CH Guernsey, Luke Piontek, Regulatory 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.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the June 21, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

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

RESOLVED, that the following capital credits totaling \$ 18,461.85 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 67 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

Mr. Churchwell reported that there was an accident involving Johnny Williams and a tractor, the tractor driver was at fault. Mr. Churchwell also reported on ongoing lineman training and safety classes.

Mr. Churchwell and Mrs. Tibbit drew for the 2023 scholarship recipients. The Altec and Altec Capital scholarship recipients were Paige Bigelow and Morgan Elizabeth Neal. The NELPCO recipients were Haley Thornton, Shelby Hall, Tomaseje' Young, Jenna Wright and Riley Stevenson.

Mrs. Tibbit read the proposed vision and mission statements. After some discussion on the motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Strong and carried, none opposed, the statements were adopted.

Mrs. Tibbit left the meeting.

Mr. Fitch reported that 1803 Electric Cooperative held its annual meeting and elected Mr. Churchwell to continue to serve as President, Mr. Fincher as Vice President, and Mr. Hocutt as Secretary. 1803 received a clean audit for 2022. Mr. Fitch reported that 1803 hired a chief operating officer to assist Mr. Hobbs. Mr. Churchwell and Mr. Fitch discussed the current contract with CLECO as it relates to Cooperative assets. The Board discussed options to consider in the future as the Cooperative nears the end of its contract with CLECO.

Mr. Churchwell reported that Volt Broadband continues mainline construction on the Archibald feeders and hopes to have those feeders open by the end of July. Currently, there is approximately 40% take rate in the areas that are open for service.

Mrs. Pylant presented the July 2023 income statement and manager's report. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the CLECO wholesale power bill and residential rate comparison.

Mr. Churchwell introduced Mr. Proctor. Mr. Proctor presented the cost-of-service study.

Mr. Piontek presented a regulator update.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed the current legislative session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*