

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, April 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 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 March 28, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read. There were no reported accidents during March 2023.

Mrs. Pylant presented the March manager's report and income statement.

Mr. Churchwell reviewed the CLECO wholesale power bill for March and the residential rate comparison.

On motion made by Mr. Hixon, seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the Board entered executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the Board exited executive session.

Mr. Fitch reported that the 1803 Electric Cooperative Board voted to take action to void the contract on the Bayou Gallian solar project. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Churchwell reported that 1803 will have to do an RFP for capacity, Mr. Hobbs does not think that is necessary at this time. Mr. Fitch reported that 1803 is on track to meet all financial covenants. Mr. Churchwell discussed the lack of willingness Of CLECO to provide asset information for 1803. Mr. Fitch informed the Board that the Magnolia plant is on track and the Magnolia team will attend the May NELPCO board meeting.

Mr. Churchwell reported that Volt Broadband continues mainline construction on the Archibald feeders. The Baskin 3/Crowville west feeder is now open, and installations continue along the Baskin 2 feeder. Currently, Volt is close to reaching 1,000 active subscribers.

Mr. Berry reported there are no updates in the Gentry litigation since last meeting. Mr. Berry is working to coordinate with Mr. Kalmbach concerning the outstanding Thompson claim.

Mr. Churchwell reviewed the current NELPCO scholarship requirements Which State that the scholarship winner must attend a Louisiana institution of higher learning. There was some discussion surrounding this requirement. On motion made by Mr. Pylant, seconded by Mr. Pippin and carried, none opposed, the Board voted to remove this requirement beginning in 2024.

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 S 21,533.58 be paid on behalf of deceased members: (List on file at Winnsboro office)

On the motion made by Mr. Hixon seconded by Mr. Strong and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 64 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*