

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
June 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. was held at 1411 Landis Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana on Thursday, June 27, 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, Nora Pylant and Anna Tibbit.

Mr. Fitch called the meeting to order. Mr. Churchwell led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

On a motion made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. Strong and carried, none opposed, the Board voted to give (5) \$500 scholarships. Mrs. Tibbit informed the Board that 25 scholarship applications were received, and Mr. Churchwell operated the tumbler. Altec Industries and Altec Capital gave one \$500 each so a total of 7 winners will be drawn, with two alternates. The following names were drawn:

Conner McVoy, Aaron Thompson, Brandon Ty McMurry, Macy Fulmer, Truitt Tietz

NELPCO alternates are Cadence Rainwater and Allison Chevalier. The Altec Industries winner was Maddison Hart and Altec Capital was Ava Stokes.

Mrs. Tibbit presented the Board with an Operation RoundUp 2024 year to date update. She reviewed current awards for each parish.

Mrs. Tibbit exited the meeting.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the May 28, 2024, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there were no accidents reported in May. He informed the Board that the IWTP grant being submitted was for \$170,000 for training. Mrs. Pylant read the resolution giving Mr. Churchwell authority to sign the IWTP grant documents. On motion made by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Hixon and carried, none opposed, the Board adopted the Resolution. *(On file at Winnsboro office)*

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

Mr. Fitch updated the Board concerning 1803 Electric Cooperative, Point Coupee Electric is an official transmission member. Mr. Fitch reported that there are now two committees: Transmission and Power Supply. Mr. Churchwell is the chairman of the Power Supply Committee. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Churchwell discussed the LPSC minimum capacity order and alternative green energy sources.

Mr. Churchwell informed the Board of the potential load development out of the Holly Ridge substation. Mr. Churchwell indicated that Mr. Repsher with 1803 is also reviewing load information for a potential opportunity. Mr. Churchwell presented the Board with the possibility of becoming a member of NELEA, the newly formed Northeast Louisiana Economic Alliance, the Board instructed Mrs. Pylant to inquire about the membership requirements and benefits.

Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning the Winnsboro office location. He has spoken with two landowners about potential sites.

Mr. Berry reported that there has been a hearing scheduled for July 18, the September date is still scheduled for the judge to review the motion for summary judgment.

Mr. Churchwell updated the board on Volt Broadband, LLC's progress. The mainline fiber construction is scheduled to be completed in September with splicing a few months after. Crowville and Como north are

open for service. Mainline construction is almost complete on Fort Necessity feeders. Mr. Churchwell discussed the quality control issues, assuring height issues are handled when reported.

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 \$ 48,802.84 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On the motion made by Mr. Strong seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 65 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc.: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On motion made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Waters and carried, none opposed, the Board voted to allow the Staff to be off July 5 as a paid holiday, along with July 4.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, President

s/ Ronald Pippin, Secretary