

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. was held at 1411 Landis Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana on Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Directors present were Weldon Fitch, Thad H. Waters, Jr., Davin McMurry, Charles Hixon, Ronald Pippin, Alton L. Welch, Jr., and Richard Strong. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, James Berry, Attorney, and Anna Tibbit.

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

Mr. Churchwell read the minutes of the November 28, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there have been no accidents reported since the last meeting.

Mrs. Tibbit presented a request to the Board to allow the creation of a social media presence on behalf of the Cooperative, along with a proposed social media policy. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the decision would be postponed until the next meeting allowing time to review the proposed policy.

Mr. Churchwell reviewed the CLECO invoice and residential rate comparison and stated that due to Mrs. Pylant's absence the November financial statement will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr. Churchwell presented the 1803 Electric resolution and amendment to the Wholesale Power Contract. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Berry will submit the requested changes to the resolution to Mr. Hobbs for review, and both will be revisited at the next meeting.

Mr. Churchwell reported that the interim rate relief was approved at the December 13 LPSC B&E meeting. The interim rates will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2024. The LPSC has posted the procedural schedule for the final ruling pertaining to the rate increase request.

Mr. Berry updated the board concerning the Gentry litigation.

Mr. Churchwell updated the board on Volt Broadband, LLC's progress stating that more than 2,500 NELPCO members are now connected. Splicing was recently completed on the Oak Grove feeder, making service available to 770 new households. The take rate remains steady at 50%. Conexon is still on schedule to complete construction as agreed.

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 \$5,844.57 be paid on behalf of deceased members: (Attached listing)

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.:

See Attached Listing.

There being no objection, the Board entered executive session. The Board exited executive session. On motion made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the Board agreed to raise salaries as discussed in executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Weldon Fitch  
President

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Ronald Pippin  
Secretary