

**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 Wednesday, July 24, 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 Connie Smallwood, Auditor.

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

Ms. Smallwood reviewed the 2023 audit report with the Board. On motion made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Pippin and carried, none opposed, the Board accepted the 2023 audit report as presented.

Ms. Smallwood exited the meeting.

Mr. Churchwell updated the board on Volt Broadband, LLC's progress. Mainline fiber construction is on schedule, the splicing continues on the Crowville south and Fort Necessity feeders. Mr. Churchwell discussed the potential for GUMBO 2.0 grant funding, Volt is currently in the pre-qualification process.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the June 27, 2024, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there were no accidents reported in June. He informed the Board that periodic updates are received from the LDCC lineman class and LDCC has requested NELPCO participate in the September graduation ceremony.

Mrs. Pylant presented the June income statement. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the wholesale power bill and the residential rate comparison. Mr. Churchwell informed the Board that LPSC Staff had filed their recommendations related to NELPCO's base rate case.

Mr. Fitch updated the Board concerning 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. He reported that Point Coupee Electric sold its transmission assets to 1803. He and Mr. Churchwell discussed the LPSC's capacity order. They reported on the current 1803 portfolio, changes to solar load and the Magnolia Power Plant. Mr. Churchwell informed the Board of the USDA grant opportunity for 1803. He also reported that there was preparation for strategic planning around the November board meeting date.

Mr. Berry reported on the hearing that was held July 18, it is the opinion of counsel that Mr. Gentry's attorneys will file for a continuance for the December trial date. On motion made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Pylant and carried none opposed, the Board voted to agree to a scheduling change as long as the trial date remained in December 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 \$16,555.97 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(Listing on file at Winnsboro office)*

On the motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Pylant and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 59 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc.: *(Listing on file at Winnsboro office)*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*