

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 Wednesday, June 21, 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 May 25, 2023, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell read the proposed mission statement, there was some discussion about the statement. The Board decided to adopt a statement at the July meeting.

There were no reported accidents during May 2023. Mr. Churchwell reported that there was an accident on June 14 involving an employee and a small bucket truck. The Board received a copy of Policy #516. After much discussion, on a motion made by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Strong and carried, none opposed, the Board voted to revise Policy # 516 effective immediately. (*Revised Policy on file at Winnsboro office*)

Mrs. Pylant presented the April and May 2023 manager's reports and income statements. Mr. Churchwell informed the board that Cardinal Gas renewed its contract through December 2024. Mr. Churchwell discussed the cost-of-service study being completed by C.H. Guernsey and Mr. Proctor's attendance at the July meeting.

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

Mr. Fitch and Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Fitch recognized that there will be a NELPCO representative on the Board of 1803 for the next 20 years, there was some discussion at the 1803 meeting concerning per diem for each director. However, it was decided that should be done at the Cooperative board level. After some discussion on the motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Pippin, the Board voted to amend Policy # 107 and add \$400 daily compensation + mileage for 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc meetings. Mr. Pylant voted against the motion.

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.

Mr. Berry reported that a settlement had been reached with the Thompson family, on motion made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Pylant and carried, none opposed, the Board voted to ratify the \$12,500 settlement offer agreed upon by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Kalmbach earlier in June.

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

RESOLVED, that the following capital credits totaling \$ 27,304.36 be paid on behalf of deceased members: (*List on file at Winnsboro office*)

On the motion made by Mr. Hixon seconded by Mr. McMurry 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*)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, *President*

s/ Ronald Pippin, *Secretary*