

**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 Tuesday, August 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, and Nora Pylant.

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

The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Churchwell stated that there were no accidents reported in July. He informed the Board that NELPCO will attend the LDCC Lineman graduation ceremony on September 12, 2024. The NELPCO lineman training program will begin September 20, 2024.

Mrs. Pylant presented the July income statement and Manager's Report. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the wholesale power bill and the residential rate comparison.

Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning the NELPCO Base Rate Case at the LPSC. Mr. Churchwell and Mrs. Pylant, along with Mr. Piontek, are planning to meet with LPSC Staff to discuss possible strategies.

Mr. Fitch updated the Board concerning 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. He reported that alternative solar options are being investigated. The Magnolia power plant is expected to be online in May 2025. Mr. Churchwell reported that there have been meetings with 1803 representatives and NELPCO concerning the communication assets between the two organizations.

Mr. Berry reported that there is a court date scheduled for September 19, 2024.

Mrs. Pylant presented the Volt Broadband, LLC income statement through June 30, 2024. Mr. Churchwell discussed potential GUMBO 2 funding and the construction progress.

Mr. Churchwell presented the Fleet Safety Policy and Program to the Board. On motion made by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Pylant and carried, none opposed the policy was adopted.

Mrs. Anna Tibbit entered the meeting. Mrs. Tibbit presented the Board with three different locations for the NELPCO annual meeting and different meeting ideas. After some discussion, it was decided that the 2024 NELPCO annual meeting would be held at the Black Bear Conference Center in Delhi, LA.

Mrs. Tibbit exited the meeting.

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 \$ 10,885.51 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List on file at Winnsboro office)*

On the motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. McMurry and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 51 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*