

Note: The NELPCO Board voted earlier this year to publish the approved minutes of the monthly meetings in the Powerlines magazine.

**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. was held at 150 Christian Drive, Rayville, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Directors present were Thad H. Waters, Jr., Alton L. Welch, Jr., Richard Strong, Weldon Fitch, Charles Hixon, Ronald Pippin and Steve Pylant. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, Nora Pylant, Accountant, Jim Berry, Attorney and Shane Morris, Supervisor for the Bastrop office.

Mr. Fitch called the meeting to order. Mr. Churchwell led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mr. Churchwell introduced Shane Morris as operations superintendent for the Bastrop office. Mr. Morris addressed the Board.

Mrs. Pylant read the minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell gave the safety report for April 2021, there were no reported accidents.

Mr. Churchwell discussed the service territory of the Winnsboro and Bastrop offices. At the request of Mr. Pippin, Mr. Churchwell reported the territory area for each office. Mr. Welch, Mr. Hixon, and Mr. Fitch spoke about their drive through that territory and overall need for the additional men. After much discussion, motion was made by Mr. Welch to hire two additional men in the Bastrop office and move that territory to be served out of the Bastrop office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hixon. Mr. Strong and Mr. Pippin voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Pylant presented the Manager's Report and Income Statement for April 2021.

Mr. Churchwell and Mr. Berry updated the Board on the Gentry litigation. Mr. Berry reported that the Gentry attorney has asked for a continuance that will be reviewed on May 24, 2021.

Mr. Fitch reviewed the survey that was mailed to the membership concerning the potential broadband project. The survey ends on May 21, 2021. Mr. Pylant and Mr. Waters expressed their opinions concerning the validity of the survey. After much discussion, Mr. Waters motioned that his motion from April 2021, be taken off the table, Mr. Pylant seconded the motion. According to Robert's rules of order, the motion could not be removed from the table. Mr. Waters moved that NELPCO not participate in any further broadband endeavors. Mr. Pylant seconded the motion. Mr. Hixon, Mr. Strong, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Pippin voted against. The motion failed.

Mr. Churchwell discussed the annual NELPCO scholarships. In 2020, we awarded (5) \$500 scholarships. After some discussion, Mr. Welch moved that NELPCO award (5) \$500 scholarships for 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hixon and carried, none opposed.

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

RESOLVED, that the following capital credits totaling \$ 30,543.08 be paid on behalf of deceased members: *(List available at NELPCO office)*.

On motion made by Mr. Pippin, 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.: *(List available at NELPCO office)*.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

S/Weldon Fitch, President
S/Charles B. Hixon, Secretary