

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 Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

Directors present were Thad H. Waters, Jr., Alton L. Welch, Jr., Weldon Fitch, Charles Hixon, Steve Pylant and Ronald Pippin. Others present were Jeff Churchwell, General Manager, Nora Pylant, Accountant and Jim Berry, Attorney.

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 July 19, 2022, meeting, the minutes were approved as read. Mrs. Pylant reported no accidents for the month of July 2022.

Mrs. Pylant presented the Manager's report and income statement for July 2022. Mrs. Pylant reviewed the wholesale power bill for July and the related fuel charges. Mr. Churchwell reviewed the residential rate comparison.

Mrs. Pylant read the proposed the NRECA RS Resolution (*Resolution on file at Winnsboro office*). On motion made by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the resolution passed.

Mr. Berry updated the Board concerning the Gentry litigation, as of now there is still a hearing set for October 17, which will determine the validity of our Summary Judgment, and set the Scheduling Order.

Mr. Fitch and Mr. Churchwell gave an update of the 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. activities. Mr. Churchwell explained the pass-through power cost that would begin in September 2022. Mr. Fitch discussed the policies that were approved at the August meeting.

Mr. Churchwell discussed the Volt groundbreaking ceremony held July 25, 2022, in the Log Cabin office. Volt received \$2.2 million in GUMBO awards, although that has been protested by Sparklight. Fiber construction continues and it is expected that the first customer will receive internet on September 7, 2022.

Mr. Churchwell reminded the Board that the nominating committee will meet Tuesday, August 30, 2022. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022.

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

RESOLVED, that the following capital credits totaling \$ 28,505.32 be paid on behalf of deceased members: (*Listing on file at Winnsboro office*)

On motion made by Mr. Hixon, seconded by Mr. Welch and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 70 members be accepted as new members of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc.: (*Listing on file at Winnsboro office*)

Mr. Hixon reported that he, Mr. Pylant and Mr. Welch met with Davin McMurry regarding his interest as a potential director. He serves on multiple boards and is willing to serve. On motion made by Mr. Pylant, seconded by Mr. Hixon and carried, none opposed, the Board appointed Mr. McMurry to fill the vacant seat of Mr. John Moroni.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/ Weldon Fitch, President

s/ Charles B. Hixson, Secretary