

**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 at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Directors present were Thad H. Waters, Jr., Alton L. Welch, Jr., Richard Strong, Weldon Fitch, Charles Hixon 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 February 15, 2022, meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Churchwell gave the safety report for February 2022, there were no reported accidents. Mr. Churchwell informed the Board of the upcoming lineman training facility tour with LDCC.

Mrs. Pylant presented the January and February 2022 income statements and the February 2022 manager's report.

Mr. Churchwell presented the grain bin analysis from Mr. Gerry Waguespack with BHA. Mr. Churchwell requested the review after receiving feedback from a few members concerning the current billing for grain bins. After much discussion, the Board recommended a follow-up conversation with any member that falls under this billing structure, if requested.

Mr. Churchwell updated the Board concerning the Gentry litigation. Mr. Churchwell is scheduled for a second deposition in the case on May 10, 2022, in Shreveport. Mr. Berry will accompany him.

Mr. Churchwell discussed the date for the 2021 annual meeting. After some discussion, the meeting will tentatively be held on June 21, 2022, at 9am.

Mr. Fitch updated the Board surrounding 1803, the Magnolia representatives met with the 1803 Board and the Magnolia plant is on schedule to start construction. Mr. Churchwell explained that the certification process is complete for 1803. Mr. Marionneaux is continuing to work on establishing the wholesale rate between 1803 and the five member cooperatives. Mr. Churchwell informed the Board that Mr. Charles Hill is retiring from WST effective 12/31/2022.

Mr. Churchwell explained that all documents have been signed between Volt Broadband, LLC and Conexon to construct the fiber internet project. The general contractor has been selected and the construction start date is May 2022. The entire project will be built out over 24 months.

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

(Listing on file at Winnsboro office)

On motion made by Mr. Strong, seconded by Mr. Pippin and carried, none opposed, the following applicants totaling 50 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/ Charles B. Hixon, Secretary