

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., was held Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Cedar Vale, State of Kansas, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Steve Clark, who acted as chairman and presided at the meeting. Kitty Sweaney, Accounting & HR Manager, recorded the minutes thereof.

Upon calling the roll, the following Trustees reported as present:

Trey Clapp	Stephanie Ollenborger	Steve Clark
Barry Speer	Alex Fulsom	Dan Hubert
Steve Warburton	Chris Kelly	Levi Lear

Others present for the meeting were Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager, Paul Buck, Attorney, Craig Lampson, Montana Johnson, and Kitty Sweaney. Chris Kelly and Paul Buck participated via Zoom. Chairman Clark declared the meeting duly organized for the dispatch of such business as might come before it, and opened with the flag salute. Trey Clapp offered a prayer.

Consideration was given for requests for changes to the Agenda or for any executive sessions. There were none.

The next order of business was review of the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 9, 2024. It was moved by Steve Warburton, seconded by Alex Fulsom, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The Board then considered the new membership list. After review and on motion by Barry Speer, second by Dan Hubert, it was unanimously carried to approve the new members as presented.

The Board then reviewed the March expenditures.

One old account in the total amount of \$35.85 was presented for consideration. A new column showing the total capital credits that could be applied against the old balance at some point was added to the report. After discussion, it was moved by Dan Hubert, seconded by Stephanie Ollenborger, and unanimously carried, to turn this account over for collection as presented.

The Board reviewed the Operations, Loss Control & Safety report including accidents, new consumers' line extensions, outages, safety meeting minutes, and transportation. Craig Lampson reported that we lost 12 poles in the tornadic storms over the past couple of weeks. Allen Zadorozny noted that the engineering over the past several years has contributed to fewer outages as a result of severe storms. Staff has spoken with drivers from Elk County, and plan to present safety information to Chautauqua County drivers as well as any other interested groups, to keep their large trucks from accidentally getting into our lines and causing potential safety issues. It was then moved by Dan Hubert, seconded by Steve Warburton, and unanimously carried, to approve the safety meeting minutes as presented.

Counsel Buck did not have a report this month.

Allen Zadorozny presented the financial reports for March. He noted total margins for the month were a loss of \$2,400, bringing year-to-date margins to \$19,400. This compares to year-to-date margins in 2023 of \$97,776. The large discrepancy is a result of less revenues and higher power costs for 2024, mostly due to weather patterns. There is still \$500,000 in a CD which matures next week. This will be transferred to general funds when it matures to help pay for another new truck that should be here in June. Zadorozny reviewed the long-term debt-to-assets ratio, revenues and expenses as compared to budget and the previous two years, meters billed, and cash receipts and payments. He also reviewed power costs as well as right-of-way clearing expenses for the month.

In his Manager's report, Zadorozny explained how the solar purchases from TPI and members' solar accounts are lowering the PCA applied to members' billings. He also presented several emails from other cooperatives in response to one manager asking about current or future rate increases. Recent bill collection calls completed by staff were broken down as to number, and results of the calls.

Discussion was held on the 2023 audit completed by Kelso Lynch CPAs, and given to the Board last month for their review. It was moved by Steve Warburton, seconded by Levi Lear, and unanimously carried, to accept the audit report as presented. Zadorozny reported that Kelso also completed the audit on the NRECA 401k plan, which is required to be done every 5 years. This audit came back good, with all procedures being done correctly.

The CoBank Sharing Success program was discussed, but there were no suggestions at this time. This will be kept on the agenda for future donations. Staff was asked to provide a listing of donations that have been matched in the past.

The following policies were presented for review, with no changes suggested by staff. After discussion, it was noted that these were reviewed with no changes by the Board: Policy #310 – Raptor Protection, Policy #311 – Power Quality, and Policy #312 – Power Theft.

Chris Kelly did not have a KEC report.

Dan Hubert reported on the April KEPCo board meeting. Board members received the audit report. Sales were down by 5.9% for the month. They heard a cyber security update, noting no incidents in 2024. C.H. Guernsey is working on a cost-of-service study, and compiling more information. Wolf Creek is in a refueling stage, and Iatan II is still in market reserve. The next meeting is this Wednesday and Thursday.

The following March 2024 Inventory of Work Orders was presented for consideration: #905 and 905-1 for a total of \$124,905.72. It was moved by Barry Speer, seconded by Alex Fulsom, and unanimously carried, to approve these Work Orders as presented.

Allen Zadorozny presented information on how other cooperatives are now handling their annual meetings – some are done completely online, which others are “drive-through” meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Alex Fulsom, seconded by Trey Clapp, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

/S/ Chris Kelly, President

/S/ Stephanie Ollenborger, Secretary