MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LEWIS COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION **December 19, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at the office of the Cooperative pursuant to previous Board Resolution.

The business session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mike CALL TO ORDER Schantz, Vice President. Megan McCord, Attorney for the Cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept.

The following Directors were present: Mike Schantz, Larry Clark, Randy James, Larry Smoot, Sandra Ebeling, Jeff Whiston, Angela "Angie" Seals, and Donna Flood. Directors absent: Emery "Buster" Also present were Staci Mesmer, CEO/General Manager; staff members Kendall Hawkins and Theresa Simmons; and Megan McCord, Attorney.

A prayer of invocation was offered by Staci Mesmer. Following the INVOCATION & PLEDGE invocation, the Vice President led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The chair asked for approval of the agenda. On motion made, AGENDA APPROVAL seconded and passed, the agenda was approved.

Minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2024 were presented. On MINUTES APPROVED motion made, seconded, and passed, the Board resolved to approve the minutes.

The Board reviewed the list of new members for the previous month. MEMBER APPROVAL On motion made, seconded and passed, the Board approved the list of new members as presented.

The Board reviewed work orders for the previous month. On motion WORK ORDERS made, seconded, and passed unanimously, the work orders were approved as presented.

Theresa Simmons presented the November financial report. Items of FINANCIAL REPORT interest included: statement of operations, budget comparisons and revenue. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the financial report was accepted.

The Board reviewed the disbursements for the previous month. After **DISBURSEMENTS REVIEW** discussion, on motion made, seconded, and passed, the disbursements and electronic transfers were approved.

The Board reviewed the written manager's report. CEO Mesmer MANAGER'S REPORT supplemented her report with information on her attendance at various meetings and shared items of interest from each meeting. She also reported on the Honey Creek Feed Mill's REDLG approval, tax exempt law update and Project Phoenix termination. The Board reviewed written reports from staff members. Kendall STAFF REPORTS Hawkins supplemented his report with information on contractors. The Vice President called for new or old business. There was none. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS** The Vice President called for miscellaneous reports. There were MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS none. Larry Clark reported his attendance to the recent AMEC meeting. AMEC REPORT Items of interest included: MECIP update, sales tax exemption update, meeting with Governor-Elect Mike Kehoe, and "Missouri on a Mission" update. Mike Schantz reported his attendance to the recent Northeast Power NORTHEAST POWER REPORT meeting. Items of interest included: AI policy adoption. The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and EXECUTIVE SESSION personnel matters. The next regular meeting of the Board will be called Thursday, NEXT REGULAR MEETING January 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. the office of the Cooperative in Lewistown, Missouri. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion ADJOURNMENT made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.