

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
LEWIS COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
January 30, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative Association (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at the office of the Cooperative pursuant to previous Board Resolution.

The business session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Emery Geisendorfer, President. Megan McCord, Attorney for the Cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. **CALL TO ORDER**

The following Directors were present: Emery “Buster” Geisendorfer, Mike Schantz, Larry Clark, Randy James, Larry Smoot, Sandra Ebeling (via teleconference), Jeff Whiston, Angela “Angie” Seals, and Donna Flood. Directors absent: none. Also present were Staci Mesmer, CEO/General Manager; staff members: Theresa Simmons, Kendall Hawkins, Travis Mathes, and Ryan Strubinger; and Megan McCord, Attorney.

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

CEO Mesmer informed the board of a conflict with the February board meeting date. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board resolved to hold the February board meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025. **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2024 were presented. On motion made, seconded, and passed, the Board resolved to approve the minutes. **MINUTES APPROVED**

The Board reviewed the written safety report and CEO Mesmer supplemented the report with information regarding the recent safety meeting. **SAFETY REPORT**

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

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

The Board reviewed written preliminary financial reports for the month of December 2024. Theresa Simmons supplemented the written report with information regarding anticipated loan draws, sales, and budget comparisons. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board accepted the financial report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

DISBURSEMENTS REVIEW

The Board reviewed the written manager's report. CEO Mesmer supplemented her report with a personnel update.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed written reports from staff members. Travis Mathes reported on member communications. Ryan Strubinger provided a demonstration of the new app that will soon be available to the members. Kendall Hawkins provided an update on construction and the contractors currently working on the system.

STAFF REPORTS

CEO Mesmer reviewed a proposed new policy regarding artificial intelligence usage. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board adopted the policy as presented.

POLICY 421

Travis Mathes explained the proposed revisions to the rebate program policy. He noted that the changes will be effective as of May 1, 2025 to allow time to educate members on the changes. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board amended the policy as presented.

REVISED POLICY 208 REBATE PROGRAM

At this time, Kendall Hawkins, Travis Mathes, Theresa Simmons and Ryan Strubinger left the meeting.

CEO Mesmer informed the Board of the need to appoint a director to the Northeast Power board. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board appointed Buster Geisendorfer as the Northeast Power Director.

NORTHEAST POWER DIRECTOR

CEO Mesmer presented information regarding a request for support from AMECPAC. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized a contribution of \$1,000.

AMECPAC DONATION

After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board appointed CEO Staci Mesmer as voting delegate to the 2025 NRECA Annual Meeting.

NRECA ANNUAL MEETING VOTING DELEGATE

After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board appointed CEO Staci Mesmer as CRC voting delegate. **CRC VOTING DELEGATE**

President Geisendorfer called for new or old business. There was none. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

CEO Mesmer provided a brief update on preparations being made for the software transition and noted an update on Board Effect to the strategic plan documents. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Larry Clark reported no meeting has been held since the last board meeting. He provided a brief update on the new sales tax exemption law. **AMEC REPORT**

Mike Schantz reported his attendance to the recent Northeast Power meeting. Items of interest included: finances; policy review; load forecast; and AECI large load program. **NORTHEAST POWER REPORT**

The remaining staff members were excused from the meeting. Thereafter, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be called Thursday, February 20, 2025 at the office of the Cooperative in Lewistown, Missouri. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Approved:

Chairman

Secretary