

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
LEWIS COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
June 26, 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, June 26, 2025, at the office of the Cooperative pursuant to previous Board Resolution.

The business session was called to order at 6:12 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, Jeff Whiston, Angela “Angie” Seals, and Donna Flood. Directors absent: none. Also present were Staci Mesmer, CEO/General Manager; staff members: Theresa Simmons and Kendall Hawkins; and Megan McCord, Attorney.

The chair asked for approval of the agenda. CEO Mesmer noted the need to add item “Resolution 2025-03” to the Agenda following Staff Reports. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the agenda was approved as amended. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Minutes of the meeting of May 29, 2025 were presented. On motion made, seconded, and passed, the Board resolved to approve the minutes. **MINUTES APPROVED**

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

The Board reviewed the lists of new members for May 2025. On motion made, seconded and passed, the Board approved the lists of new members as presented. **MEMBER APPROVAL**

The Board reviewed work orders for May 2025. On motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously, the work orders were approved as presented. **WORK ORDERS**

Theresa Simmons reviewed the written financial report for the month of May 2025. Directors asked questions. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board accepted the financial report. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Theresa Simmons presented a report on current bad debt. She noted the current amount of \$11,524.14 of bad debt. After discussion, on **BAD DEBT WRITE OFF**

motion made, seconded and passed, the Board approved the bad debt write off.

Theresa Simmons presented information on several options for a general refund of capital credits. The board asked questions.

CAPITAL CREDIT GENERAL REFUND

CEO Mesmer presented information on a request from NECAC to donate funds to assist low-income residents with their utility bills. She noted the payment plans that the cooperative is currently implementing with members in need.

NECAC DONATION

The Board reviewed the written manager's report. CEO Mesmer supplemented her report with information regarding the wildfire mitigation plan, Highland Elementary construction update, inventory audit, benefits audit, and Larry Clark's A.C. Burrows award nomination.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written monthly staff reports including: Operations; Safety & Training; Engineering; Information Technology; and Member Services & Government Relations. Kendall Hawkins supplemented his report with an update on pole change outs and meter testing.

STAFF REPORTS

CEO Mesmer presented the bids received by Toth & Associates for a reconductoring project. After discussion, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Board accepted the low bid from Sellenriek Energy, LLC of \$458,043.73, and approved contract MO23-2025-01L.

RESOLUTION 2025-03 SELLENRIEK ENERGY, LLC

CEO Mesmer reviewed Policy 314 "Personal Protective Clothing". She recommended revisions to reflect the change in method of ordering fire retardant clothing. Directors asked questions. On motion made, seconded and passed, the Board amended Policy 314 as recommended.

POLICY 314

President Geisendorfer called for new or old business. There was none.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Larry Clark reported his attendance to the recent meeting of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. Items of interest included: Missouri Propane Gas Association presentation, Rural Missouri advertising update, dues committee report, and AECI large load update.

AMEC REPORT

Mike Schantz reported his attendance to the recent Northeast Power board meeting. Items of interest included: policy review, and RUS Loan Application.

NORTHEAST POWER REPORT

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Following Executive Session, the Board re-entered regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The next regular meeting of the Board will be called Thursday, July 31, 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 **ADJOURNMENT**
made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved:

Chairman

Secretary