CLINTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees held
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Cooperative Office in Breese, Illinois on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rob Gerstenecker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative, at 7:00 p.m. and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

At the time Secretary-Treasurer Wiegmann called the roll, the following trustees were present:

Rob Gerstenecker
Kevin Wiegmann
John Becker
Cary Dickinson
Tim Hanke
Steve Kalmer
Rodney Timmermann
Joe Voss

said trustees being all the trustees of the Cooperative. Also in attendance was Cooperative President/COO Bob Kroeger and Manager of Administrative Services Ralph Kuhl.

REVIEW OF THE 2023 FORM 990

Manager of Administrative Services Ralph Kuhl reviewed the 2023 Form 990. He asked that any questions or comments be communicated to him prior to November 1, 2024.

REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT ELECTIONS

Manager of Administrative Services Ralph Kuhl reviewed the Annual Enrollment Elections and then excused himself from the meeting.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Trustee Kalmer, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the Consent Agenda, with the following items, was approved:

1. Minutes of the September 24, 2024, Board Meeting as posted on Call to Order
2. Delinquent accounts write-off: electric (a/c 904) None (0)
3. Memberships to be terminated (itemized in the October 2024 Board Minutes addendum and made a part of these minutes)
4. Capital Credit Estates in the amount of $6,151.65 (6)
5. President's Report, including the prior month's correspondence, issues and complaints and the SIPC power bill for last month's usage. Also included under the President's Report: President Kroeger reminded the board of the President's upcoming over night travel requests, which have been previously approved including: None
6. Important dates to remember:
    - Flu shots, October 23, 2024, beginning at 7:00 a.m.
7. Member Correspondence
    - Returned Surveys

TRUSTEE, LEGAL COUNSEL, & PRESIDENT/COO EXPENSES

Upon motion by Trustee Dickinson, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the Trustee, Legal Counsel, and President/COO expenses were approved.

CHECKS, WIRE TRANSFERS, ACH

The board of trustees then reviewed the checks/wire transfers/ ACH list for the month of September 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time, the board reviewed the financial report for the quarter & month ending September 30, 2024.

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

President Kroeger then reported on the monthly and quarterly Operational and Statistical Report.

ACCIDENT & SAFETY REPORT & OUTAGE REPORTS

The Accident & Safety Report, as well as the Individual and Line Outage Reports, were received by the board of trustees at this time. Upon motion by Trustee Becker, seconded and a vote taken thereon, both the written and oral Accident/Safety Report and the Individual and Line Outage Reports for the month of September 2024, presented by Cooperative President Bob Kroeger, were approved. The written reports are made a part of these minutes.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The board received the new memberships list at this time (itemized in the October 2024 Board Minutes addendum and made a part of these minutes).

SIPC INVESTED CAPITAL TAX

President Kroeger gave an update on the status of the Invested Capital Tax being returned to the CCEC membership.

DISTRICT 2 VACANCY

At this time, there was a discussion about the appointment of a trustee to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Kevin Kampwerth. Chairman Gerstenecker appointed Trustees Becker, Timmermann and Voss to a search committee and report back to the board with names of candidates for consideration to fill the vacancy.

DIRECTOR & ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR AIEC BOARD

Upon motion by Trustee Kalmer, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Trustee Wiegmann was elected as Director and Trustee Timmermann as Alternate Director for the unexpired two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

KEVIN KAMPWERTH MEMORIAL

Next, there was a discussion about creating a memorial in remembrance of Kevin Kampwerth. The board will give thought to and consider ideas at a future board meeting.

CCEC ANNUAL MEETING

President Kroeger shared an email from Central Community High School Superintendent Dr. Dustin Foutch regarding the availability of the CCHS facility for the 2025 CCEC Annual Meeting. Dr. Foutch could not guarantee availability due to electrical work taking place over the summer. After some discussion, it was decided to seek alternate locations to host the annual meeting. CCEC management will also have a follow-up conversation with Dr. Foutch to explore alternatives.

NRECA BLC 903 "THE ROLE OF THE BOARD CHAIR IN CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS"

Upon motion by Trustee Becker, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board approved Trustees Kalmer, Timmermann, and Wiegmann to attend NRECA BLC 903 "The Role of the Board Chair in Conducting Effective Meetings" to be held on December 10, 2024, at the AIEC Headquarters in Springfield, IL.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Upon motion by Trustee Dickinson and a vote taken thereon, the board approved moving the December board meeting to Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

BUDGET REVIEW MEETING

The Budget Review Meeting will be held on December 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS

At this time, there was a discussion about including Patoka, Sandoval, Centralia, Lebanon and Highland high schools in the CCEC scholarship program. The expense to include these additional high schools will be included in the 2025 budget.

2025 NRECA DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE

Upon motion by Trustee Becker, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board approved Trustees Dickinson, Hanke, Kalmer, Timmermann and Wiegmann to attend the 2025 NRECA Director's Conference being held in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL on January 26-28, 2025.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

At this time, there was a brief discussion about the upcoming advisory committee meeting and the topics to discuss. President Kroeger will have a presentation ready for the meeting.

CCEC RADIO SYSTEM

President Kroeger informed the board that CCEC's radio system recently experienced equipment failure. A quote of $13,035 was obtained from Wireless USA to replace the defective components only. A quote of $15,570 was obtained from Roy Walker Communications to replace the defective components, cable and antenna. Since the current system is 12 years old, CCEC management's recommendation was to accept the quote from Roy Walker Communications. Upon motion by Trustee Dickinson, seconded and vote taken thereon, the board approved the quote from Roy Walker Communications.

GRIP GRANT

At this time, President Kroeger informed the board that the Southern Illinois Rural Energy Network's GRIP grant application had been denied by the U.S. Department of Energy.

RMUC GRANT / ICCMA PROGRAM

President Kroeger informed the board that, through a grant applied for by the AIEC, CCEC along with 13 other Illinois cooperatives had been selected as recipients of a $1.8 million grant for cybersecurity improvements.

AIEC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustee Gerstenecker reported on recent happenings at the AIEC.

SIPC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustees Hanke, Kalmer, and Dickinson, in addition to President Kroeger reported on recent activities at Southern Illinois Power Cooperative.

SISTER COOPERATIVE'S LLC

Next, the board received reports on Sister Cooperatives.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the vacancies created by the passing of Kevin Kampwerth, Chairman Gerstenecker made appointments to the following committees effective October 22, 2024:

Member Advisory: Trustees Wiegmann, Becker & Timmermann
Finance & Administrative: Hanke, Becker & Wiegmann

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITHOUT PRESIDENT KROEGER

Upon motion by Trustee Dickinson, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board went into executive session without President Kroeger at 9:50pm to discuss the District 2 vacancy created by the passing of Kevin Kampwerth. Upon motion by Trustee Kalmer, seconded and a vote taken thereon, the board came out of executive session at 10:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH PRESIDENT/COO

An executive session with President Kroeger was not needed.

FORM 990

Forms to record Form 990 hours were then circulated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this board, upon motion by Trustee Hanke, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Chairman Gerstenecker adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary

APPROVED:

Rob Gerstenecker, Chairman