CLINTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Trustees held
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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, February 25, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rob Gerstenecker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative, at 6:30 p.m. and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Rob Gerstenecker
Steve Kalmer
John Becker
Tim Hanke
Jeff Schulte
Rodney Timmermann
Kevin Wiegmann
Joe Voss

said trustees being all the trustees of the Cooperative except Cary Dickinson who was present via conference call. Also in attendance was Cooperative President/COO, Bob Kroeger.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. **Minutes of the January 22, 2025, Clinton County Electric Regular Board Meeting as posted;**
2. **Delinquent accounts write-off: electric (a/c 904) (0) $0.00;**
3. **Memberships to be terminated;**
4. **Capital Credit Estates – (2) $764.32;**
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 request, which has been previously approved including: none at this time.**
6. **Important dates to remember:**
    - **NRECA CCD 2610 Class: February 26, 2025 – AIEC Headquarters**
    - **NRECA Annual Meeting: March 9-12, 2025 – Atlanta, GA**
    - **Area Meeting – Carlyle KC Hall: March 17, 2025 @ 7:00pm**
    - **Area Meeting – Breese KC Hall: March 18, 2025 @ 1:00pm**
    - **Area Meeting – Albers Legion: March 18, 2025 @ 7:00pm**
    - **NRECA BLC 990 Class: March 27, 2025 – AIEC Headquarters**
    - **SIPC Annual Meeting: March 27, 2025**
    - **AIEC Lobby Day: April 10, 2025 – Springfield, IL**
    - **NRECA Legislative Conference: April 27-30, 2025 - Washington, D.C.**
    - **ACES Member's Conference: May 29-30, 2025 - Indianapolis, IN**
    - **CFC Forum: June 30-July 2, 2025 – New York City, NY**
7. **Member Correspondence**
    - **Returned Surveys**
    - **Thank you-Mater Dei Catholic High School**
    - **Thank you-Breese Central FFA**
    - **Thank you-Carlyle FFA**
    - **Thank you-St. Clair County Extension & Education Foundation**
    - **Thank you-Mel Toennies Family**
    - **Thank you-Kaskaskia College**

- Thank you-Owen Arter-K.C. scholarship recipient

TRUSTEE, LEGAL COUNSEL & PRESIDENT/COO EXPENSES

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

CHECKS, WIRE TRANSFERS, ACH

The board then reviewed the checks/wire transfer/ACH list for the month of January 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time, the board reviewed the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2025.

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

President Kroeger then reported on the monthly 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 Hanke, 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 January 2025, 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 February 2025 Board Minutes addendum and made a part of these minutes).

LEASING OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE FROM BRAD LUITJOHAN

President Kroeger reviewed a memo sent to the board prior to the board meeting regarding a proposal to lease additional storage space from Brad Luitjohan. After some discussion, upon motion by Trustee Schulte, seconded and vote taken thereon, the board approved the lease under the following terms:

- Annual lease not to exceed $20,000
- 2-year term

SOLAR UPDATE

At this time President Kroeger provided the board with an update on how member-owned solar installations are affecting CCEC's kWh sales, demand, revenue and future expenses.

RUBY SOLAR

President Kroeger provided the board with an update on the proposed Ruby Solar facility on Sand Ridge Rd. President Kroeger also shared that the board would need to give consideration to a retail rate for the facility in the future.

CFC COST OF SERVICE STUDY

Next, President Kroeger informed the board that data gathering activities are on-going for the CFC Cost of Service Study and CFC is planning to have the study completed by the end of May.

CCEC'S TOP TEN ACCOUNT 2023 AND 2024

At this time, CCEC's top 10 customers by usage for 2023 and 2024 were reviewed.

KEVIN KAMPWERTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chairman Gerstenecker provide an update on the progress being made on the Kevin Kampwerth Memorial Scholarship.

NRECA BLC 990 "CCD REFRESHER"

No one from CCEC will be attending the NRECA BLC 990 "CCD Refresher" course.

2025 AIEC LOBBY DAY

Upon motion by Trustee Becker, seconded and vote taken thereon, Trustees Dickinson, Gerstenecker and President Kroeger were approved to attend the 2025 AIEC Lobby Day being held in Springfield, IL on April 10, 2025.

2025 ACES MEMBERS CONFERENCE

Upon motion by Trustee Hanke, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Trustees Dickinson, Kalmer, Timmermann, Voss, and Wiegmann were approved to attend the 2025 ACES Members Conference to be held in Indianapolis, IN on May 29-30, 2025. The expenses of any CCEC board member serving on the board at SIPC will be reimbursed by SIPC.

2025 CFC FORUM

Upon motion by Trustee Wiegmann, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Trustees Gerstenecker and Schulte were approved to attend the 2025 CFC Forum being held in New York, NY on June 30-July 2, 2025.

2025 NRECA DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE

At this time, there was a discussion about the 2025 NRECA Director's Conference attended by Trustees Gerstenecker, Hanke, Kalmer and Timmermann.

NRECA BLC 988 CLASS: "THE BOARD'S ROLE IN SAFETY"

At this time, there was a discussion about the NRECA Class 988 "The Board's Role in Safety" attended by Trustees Becker, Gerstenecker, Timmermann and Wiegmann.

ICWCG/RSI ANNUAL MEETING

At this time, President Kroeger provided a report on the ICWCG/RSI Annual Meeting held via Zoom on January 27, 2025.

ACES BOARD REPORT

President Kroeger reported on the ACES board meeting held on February 6-7, 2025.

AREA MEETINGS

Next, President Kroeger provided an update on the upcoming area meetings.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

The Policy Committee Meeting was rescheduled for April 1, 2025, at 6:30pm.

CFC DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Upon motion by Trustee Hanke, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Trustees Becker, Kalmer, Schulte, Timmermann and Wiegmann were approved to attend the CFC Illinois Director Workshop being held in Springfield, IL on March 18-19, 2025.

AIEC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Trustee Wiegmann 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH PRESIDENT/COO

No executive session with President Kroeger was needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITHOUT PRESIDENT KROEGER

No executive session without President Kroeger was 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 Timmermann, seconded and a vote taken thereon, Chairman Gerstenecker adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Wiegmann

Kevin Wiegmann, Secretary

APPROVED:

Robt C Gerstenecker

Rob Gerstenecker, Chairman