

From the Boardroom...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held November 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen. Robert Simmons, Secretary of the Cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following Directors were present: Max Swisegood, Clark Bredehoeft, Paul Nolte, Dale Jarman, Richard Strobel, Densil Allen, Robert Simmons, Stan Rhodes and Sandra Streit. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray, Admin. Asst./Benefits Admin Kim Lewis, and cooperative attorney Matt Krohn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the board of directors held Oct. 28, 2013, were approved.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST

An itemized list of expenditures for October was presented to the board, and the payment of the bills was ratified.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following October 2013 reports were approved: Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement including the Financial Statistical Report with month and budget comparisons and statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, and KWH sales; Treasurer's Report; the written monthly Construction, Retirement, Maintenance and Operations Report and the Safety Report, which included no lost time accidents during the month. Directors voted to close out the Construction Account at UMB Bank and open a new account with First Central Bank. Gray reported he met with Croft for a pre-construction conference with construction to begin Dec. 9, 2013.

SAFETY REPORT

Gray reported no lost time accidents during the month. Employees have now worked 1,272 days without a lost-time accident.

MEMBERSHIPS

The applications submitted for membership in the cooperative were accepted and approved. Directors reviewed a list of requests for termination of membership in the cooperative which, along with their requests that their billings be deducted from their deposits and the remainder, if any, be refunded to them, were accepted and approved.

N.W. ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. REPORT

Manager Gray and Director Nolte reported their attendance at the November board meeting and shared highlights of the meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Dale Jarman reported the committee has reviewed 2014 applications. The board provided direction regarding the number and amount of scholarships to the committee.

DISCUSSION ON ACTION.COOP GRASSROOTS EFFORT

Member Services Manager Steve Moore was invited into the meeting to report on his attendance at the EPA listening session Nov. 4 in Lenexa, Kan. for existing coal-fired plants. Moore reported on the challenges facing the cooperative. Gray also reported on the issue. Considerable discussion ensued about the cooperatives' grassroots strategy on the EPA's proposed new climate regulations. The board provided input about the cooperative's strategy and marketing efforts.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Mike Gray provided his Manager's Report for the month. He reported on the following: 1) Monday, Dec. 30 will be the December board meeting; 2) employee Christmas gifts; 3) NRECA annual meeting is March 25 in Nashville, and the National Directors' Conference is March 22-25 in St. Louis; 4) the board retreat will be Jan. 23-24 at the Hilton Garden Plaza Inn in Independence. Director Streit reported on the directors' class she attended in Jefferson City recently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

FINANCIAL REPORT • *Statement of Operations* • November 2013

	This month	YTD 2013	YTD 2012
Revenue	2,083,615	23,373,372	21,722,501
Power Bill Expense	1,309,270	14,019,893	13,769,445
Operation & Maint. Expense	426,172	5,328,094	5,072,454
Depreciation Expense	149,652	1,629,395	1,581,372
Interest Expense	<u>117,507</u>	<u>1,251,857</u>	<u>1,031,797</u>
Total cost of Srvcs. (Total Expense)	2,002,601	22,229,239	21,455,068
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	81,014	1,144,133	267,433
Other Margins	<u>5,081</u>	<u>190,283</u>	<u>14,402</u>
TOTAL MARGINS	86,095	1,334,416	281,835