

From the Boardroom...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held October 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen, Jr. Robert Simmons, Secretary of the Cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following Directors were present: Max Swisegood, Clark Bredehoeft, Dale Jarman, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Sandra Streit and Jeremy Ahmann. Also present were General Manager Mike Gray and General Counsel Shawn Battagler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 22, 2016; expenditures for the month of September 2016; new membership applications; membership terminations and the treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following September 2016 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; the monthly Construction, Retirement, Maintenance and Operations Report and the Safety Report.

NRECA REGION 8-10 MEETING REPORT

Board members reported on their attendance at the NRECA Region 8-10 meeting and the information they received.

AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft reported his attendance and highlights of the meeting including dues increase, Federated update, international program, MECIP rates, NORANDA facility discussion and board training.

AMECPAC CONTRIBUTION FOR 2017

The board approved a \$500 donation to AMECPAC

NW ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. REPORT

Gray and Swisegood reported on their attendance and shared highlights, including budget, PURPA, storms, Platte-Clay solar output, wind production, compensation consultant, cost-of-service study and rate structure change.

PURPA RESOLUTION

Following an explanation, the board approved a resolution to enter into a joint plan for meeting obligations imposed on WCE under PURPA and FERC's Regulations with NW Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. and Associated Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

AECI ELECTRIC LOAD FORECAST

The board voted to accept the 2016 Electric Load Forecast.

RETIREMENT SECURITY PLAN

Gray presented information on a proposed amendment to the cooperative's retirement security plan which was approved by the board.

BOARD RETREAT LOCATION

The board approved moving the retreat location to the Courtyard by Marriot. Gray asked board members to recommend topics for discussion at the retreat.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Gray discussed the current organizational chart and his expectations regarding needed changes in the future.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Mike Gray provided his Manager's Report for the month which included information on building renovation, NRECA pension legislation, real estate discussions and employee appreciation banquet plans.

LEGAL FEES

The board resolved to adopt a discounted legal fee agreement as proposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The chairman called for new business:

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The board voted to move the November board meeting to Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

MEMBER CONCERN

Gray discussed an issue regarding a member's bill adjustment.

MEETING ADJOURNED

FINANCIAL REPORT • *Statement of Operations* • September 2015

	This month	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Revenue	2,390,251	20,181,510	19,508,630
Power Bill Expense	1,340,989	12,490,720	12,333,476
Operation & Maint. Expense	263,304	2,048,050	2,193,664
Depreciation Expense	168,426	1,494,579	1,431,849
Interest Expense	88,508	886,675	926,455
Total cost of Srvcs. (Total Expense)	1,861,227	16,920,024	16,885,444
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	266,584	868,582	274,440
Other Margins	63,152	178,998	135,576
TOTAL MARGINS	329,736	1,047,580	410,016