

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**June 24, 2021**  
**Greenville, IL**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the office of Southwestern Electric Cooperative headquarters in Greenville, IL pursuant to notice given. President Ann Schwarm called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following directors were present constituting a quorum:

Jerry Gaffner  
Sandy Grapperhaus  
Annette Hartlieb  
Bill Jennings  
Sandy Nevinger  
Ann Schwarm  
Jared Stine  
Marvin Warner  
Ted Willman

Staff members present were Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams, Chief Financial Officer Becky Jacobson, Executive Assistant Brooke Scott, and Manager of Billing Veronica Forbis.

**Introduction of New Manager of Billing, Veronica Forbis:**

Williams introduced Veronica Forbis to the board. Forbis was promoted to Manager of Billing as of May 27<sup>th</sup>. She gave a brief overview of her professional life. The board congratulated Forbis on her promotion. Forbis left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 27, 2021, were considered. On a motion made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Hartlieb and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **Staff Reports & Presentations**

#### **Report of Operations and Construction**

CFO Becky Jacobson's report included:

- Cash Flow Statement and Balance Sheet review.
  - Total Utility Plant.
  - Work-in-progress (WIP).
  - Cash position status.
  - Total debt.
- Statement of Operations for four months ended April 30, 2021.
  - Total Sales of Electricity.
    - Three-year trend for Residential and Commercial sales.
  - Cost of Power.
    - Three-year trend for Cost of Power and Cogeneration Credits.
  - Net Operating Margins.
  - Net Margins.
- Example of a capital credit net present value calculation.

#### **Operating Report and Work Order Summary Approval**

Warner made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$396,822.99 for May 2021. Willman seconded; motion carried.

### **CEO's Report:**

CEO Bobby Williams' report included:

- No lost time accidents for May.
- Highlights from the Staff reports.
  - Educational video for the website and social media.
  - Job openings and new hires.
  - Information on donations to Madison, Fayette, and Bond County 4-H clubs.
- Annual Meeting.
- Member Matters.
- Status of Maple Grove Transmission Line project.
- Cooperative property for sale.

## **Membership Applications and Terminations**

May's list of membership applications and June's list of terminations were sent to the board prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Nevinger, seconded by Stine, and carried to accept 98 applications for membership for May 2021, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Hartlieb, seconded by Grapperhaus, and carried to formally acknowledge the termination of 10 memberships for June 2021, effective as of the date on which the cooperative ceased furnishing services, and the release of capital credits to the members' estates totaling to \$20,189.30.

## **Unfinished Business:**

The board discussed the donation to 4-H clubs. A motion was made by Willman, seconded by Warner, and carried to pay the remaining half of the program fee for Madison County participants, the full program fee for Fayette County participants, and \$2,500 to the NFP Friends of 4-H organization for Bond County.

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Nevinger and carried to accept the offer of \$5,000 for the sale of cooperative property in Holiday Shores at 1106 Barbados Dr., Edwardsville, IL to the member who initially expressed interest in the property, and if they are no longer interested, the option to purchase will be given to the second offeror.

The board reviewed information regarding a capital credit disbursement request. After discussion, the board would like management to discuss the subject with Corporate Attorney Michael Hertz.

## **New Business:**

The lottery drawing for ballot placement will be held on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Greenville Headquarters. The board was reminded that the Credentials and Election Committee will be appointed at

the July board meeting.

Due to several conflicts, the board agreed to move July's regular board meeting to July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Jacobson, Scott, and Williams left the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Willman, seconded by Grapperhaus and carried to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. for the annual progress review of the CEO. Williams returned to the meeting at 10:15 p.m. A motion was made by Nevinger, seconded by Stine and carried to leave executive session at 10:40 p.m.

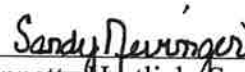
A motion was made by Willman, seconded by Jennings and carried to adjust Williams' annual salary and corresponding benefits to \$250,000, reimburse business travel miles driven at the federal mileage rate, and to continue to provide the monthly cell phone allowance.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Attest:

  
Ann Schwarm, President

  
~~Annette Hartlieb~~ Secretary pro-temp  
Sandy Nevinger