

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**June 27, 2024**  
**Greenville, IL**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the office of Southwestern Electric Cooperative headquarters in Greenville, IL pursuant to notice given. President Jerry Gaffner 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  
Brad Lurkins  
Ann Schwarm  
Jared Stine  
Marvin Warner  
Ted Willman

Staff members present were Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams, Chief Operating Officer Vic Buehler, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Taylor, and Executive Assistant Brooke Scott.

**Introduction of New Chief Financial Officer:**

Williams introduced CFO Nathan Taylor to the board. His first day was June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He gave a brief overview of his professional and personal life. The board welcomed Taylor to SWECI.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 23, 2024, were considered. On a motion made by Lurkins, seconded by Warner and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

**Executive Session:**

At 6:37 p.m., Schwarm made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Freedom Operations and personnel matters. Stine seconded; motion carried. At 7:01 p.m., Hartlieb made a motion to leave executive session. Jennings seconded; motion carried.

### **Staff Reports & Presentations**

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

CFO Nathan Taylor's report included:

- Financial Summary as of May 31, 2024 (month, year-to-date, and outlook)
  - Revenue
  - Total Costs
  - Net Operating Margins
  - Non-Operating Income
  - Net Margins.
- Cash flow statement for five months ended May 31, 2024.
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio.
- Rate discussion.
- Ongoing projects:
  - Software conversion.
  - Financial analysis.
  - Team development.

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

Warner made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$481,928.10 for May 2024. Stine seconded; motion carried.

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

CEO Bobby Williams's report included:

- Auction Revenue Rights (ARR) and Financial Transmission Rights (FTR) revenue results for the 2023-2024 planning year.
- Member matters.
- Annual Meeting.
- Topics from staff reports.

#### **COO's Report:**

COO Vic Buehler's report included:

- Update on workplan projects.
- Software conversion.
- Member matters.

### **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 Hartlieb, seconded by Grapperhaus, and carried to accept 116 applications for membership for May 2024, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Schwarm, and carried to formally acknowledge the termination of 12 memberships for June 2024, effective as of the date on which the cooperative ceased furnishing services, and the release of capital credits to members and members' estates totaling to \$28,636.70.

### **AIEC Board Meeting Report:**

Schwarm attended the AIEC Board Meeting on June 20. She gave a verbal report to the board. The topics of discussion included media, safeelectricity.org, training, director education program status, and PAC.

### **Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Jennings and carried to adjust the PCA Factor to \$0.00739.

### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Stine, seconded by Hartlieb and carried to approve the banking resolutions for CFC, CoBank, FNB, and Bradford adding Taylor as an authorized signer.

Scott, Buehler, Taylor, and Williams left the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The meeting recessed at 8:36 p.m. and resumed at 8:52 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Grapperhaus, and carried to go into executive session at 8:52 p.m. for the annual progress review of the CEO. Williams returned to the meeting at 9:31 p.m. A motion was made by Schwarm, seconded by Grapperhaus, and carried to leave executive session at 10:40 p.m.


**Annual Meeting:**

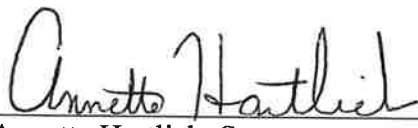
2024 Annual Meeting was discussed. With this year's election uncontested, the board decided to change the evening voting schedule for absentee voting to one session at Greenville, St. Jacob, and St. Elmo.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Jerry Gaffner, President

  
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Annette Hartlieb, Secretary