

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**May 22, 2025**  
**Greenville, IL**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, 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 (via video conference)  
Bill Jennings  
Brad Lurkins  
Ann Schwarm (via video conference)  
Jared Stine  
Marvin Warner (via video conference)  
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.

A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Lurkins and carried to appoint Jennings as acting secretary for the duration of the meeting, with the authority to sign any necessary documents on behalf of the secretary, as Hartlieb was attending via video conference.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 24, 2025, were considered. On a motion made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Lurkins and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **Executive Session:**

At 6:34 p.m., Willman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Jennings seconded; motion carried. At 6:51 p.m. Hartlieb made a motion to leave executive session. Jennings seconded; motion carried.

### **Report on Nominations Committee Meeting:**

At 6:53 p.m. Manager of Member Services Jennifer Gillan entered the meeting for the presentation of the 2025 slate of candidates for Districts I, II, and III as submitted by the 2025 nominations committee. The following names were submitted by the nominations committee:

**District I: Sandy Grapperhaus and Kevin Kirby**

**District II: Michael Willman and Amy Marcoot**

**District III: Ann Scharm**

Willman moved to approve the 2025 slate of candidates for Districts I, II, and III as submitted by the 2025 nominations committee. Warner seconded; motion carried.

Gillan was introduced to the board. She gave a brief overview of her professional and personal life. The board discussed the details of the annual meeting, including food, demonstrations, bill credits, and attendance. Following the discussion, they decided to maintain the same setup as last year, including offering the same bill credits.

Gillan left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

### **Staff Reports & Presentations**

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

CFO Nathan Taylor's report included:

- WPCA factor
- MISO Planning Resource Auction
- Financial Summary as of April 30, 2025
  - Revenue
  - Total Operation and Maintenance Expense
  - Total Cost of Electric Services

- Net Operating Margins
- Non-Operating Margins
- DSCR
- YTD cashflow summary
- Financial metrics
- Revenue by rate class
- Cost of Power
- Number of employees by department
- Write-offs through April
- ERC loan application
- ChargePoint

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

Grapperhaus made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$164,375.12 for April 2025. Stine seconded; motion carried.

#### CEO's Report:

CEO Bobby Williams's report included:

- 2025-26 MISO Planning Resource Auction results
- Strategic Plan metrics
- Facilities
- Member matters
- Recognition at FFA State Convention
- Union contract negotiations
- Updates for AIEC

#### COO's Report:

COO Vic Buehler's report included:

- Update projects
- Easement matters
- Training
- Member matter

#### **Membership Applications and Terminations**

A motion was made by Lurkins, seconded by Jennings, and carried to accept 37 applications for membership for April 2025, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws, and to formally acknowledge the termination of 27 memberships for May 2025, 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 \$43,438.32.

**AIEC Board Meeting Report:**

Schwarm attended the AIEC Board Meeting in May. She gave a verbal report to the board. The topics of discussion included AIEC's in-house counsel, CFC and NRECA board, reduction in dues, legislation, and feedback given regarding Lobby Day.

**Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Hartlieb and carried to approve a \$6,000 ERC loan for SWECI member number 28367-002.

A motion was made by Stine, seconded by Grapperhaus and carried to renew the ChargePoint Agreement for the EV chargers at Troy and increase the rate to \$0.35 per minute for the Level 3 charger and \$2 per hour for the Level 2 charger.

A motion was made by Schwarm, seconded by Hartlieb and carried to authorize Williams to act on behalf of Southwestern Electric Cooperative in relation to the negotiation and renewal of the collective bargaining agreements.

**New Business:**

A motion was made Stine, seconded by Warner, and carried to appoint Schwarm the CFC Voting Delegate.


A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Lurkins and carried to approve the payment of the 2025 NRECA Membership dues.


The scholarship committee plans to visit each recipient's home to place a recognition sign and, if possible, meet with their family. Once the details are known, they will be shared with the board.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Jerry Gaffner, President

  
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Annette Hartlieb, Secretary

