

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Minutes of the Budget & Regular Meeting
December 18, 2025
Greenville, IL**

The budget and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 5:00 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
Amy Marcoot
Ann Schwarm
Jared Stine
Marvin Warner

Staff members present were VP of Accounting and Finance Amanda Loepker, Chief Executive Officer Bobby Williams, Chief Operating Officer Vic Buehler, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Taylor, and Executive Assistant Brooke Scott.

Introduction of New VP of Accounting and Finance:

Taylor introduced Loepker to the board. She gave a brief overview of her professional and personal life. The board welcomed her to SWECI, and Loepker left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Staff Reports & Presentations

Report of Operations and Construction:

CFO Nathan Taylor's report included:

- Financial Summary as of November 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
- Capital summary
- Write-offs through November
- WPCA (Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment) analysis

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Marcoot and carried to increase the PCA factor to \$0.02373 effective January 1, 2026.

2026 Budget:

CFO Nathan Taylor's report included:

- Projected financial metrics
- 2026 Budgetary cash flow statement and income statement.
 - Revenue
 - Total Operation and Maintenance Expense
 - Total Cost of Electric Services
 - Net Operating Margins
 - Non-Operating Margins
 - DSCR
- 2026 Capital Summary request
 - Fleet
 - Facility design
 - Meters
 - Transformers
 - New construction
 - Construction-in-aid
 - Retirements
 - System improvement

A motion was made by Hartlieb, seconded by Schwarm, and carried to approve the 2026

Operating Budget reflecting Net Margins of \$6,008,427.

A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Stine, and carried to approve the 2026 Capital Budget request of \$8,985,000.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 20, 2025, were considered. On a motion made by Lurkins, seconded by Stine and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

Executive Session:

At 6:03 p.m., Warner made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Grapperhaus seconded; motion carried. At 6:50 p.m., Marcoot made a motion to leave executive session. Hartlieb seconded; motion carried.

Staff Reports & Presentations Continued:

November's list of membership applications and December's list of terminations were sent to the board prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Jennings, and carried to accept 42 applications for membership for November 2025, in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws, and to formally acknowledge the termination of 7 memberships for December 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 \$12,947.03.

Grapperhaus made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$315,185.24 for November 2025. Marcoot seconded; motion carried.

CEO's Report:

CEO Bobby Williams's report included:

- Cooperative Utility Scorecard
- Rate update
- Member matters
- Meeting coordination
- Events

COO's Report:

COO Vic Buehler's report included:

- Project update
- Capital plan

- Efficiency
- New phone system
- Report on AI Training

Committee Reports:

Policy & Bylaws Committee:

The Policy & Bylaws Committee met prior to the board meeting, to discuss changes needed to the Member-Owned Interconnected Co-Generation Facility policy. The committee gave a report to the board.

A motion was made by Hartlieb, seconded by Schwarm, and carried to approve the revised Member-Owned Interconnected Co-Generation Facility policy as presented.

AIEC Board Meeting Report:

Schwarm attended the AIEC Board Meeting in November. She gave a verbal report to the board. The topics of discussion included board certificate status, AIEC Annual Meeting, personnel information, and the CFC director election.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Hartlieb, and carried to appoint Jennings as the voting delegate for NRTC's 2026 Director Elections.

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Stine, and carried to appoint Jennings as the voting delegate for CRC's Annual Meeting.

The voting delegate for NRECA's Annual Meeting will be added to January's agenda.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Annette Hartlieb

Annette Hartlieb, Secretary

Attest:

Jerry Gaffner

Jerry Gaffner, President

