

**Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**February 25, 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, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 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 (*via video conference*)  
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, and Executive Assistant Brooke Scott. As Board Secretary Annette Hartlieb was present via video conference, Jared Stine was appointed Secretary Pro Tempore.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 28, 2021, were considered. On a motion made by Hartlieb, seconded by Nevinger and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

## Staff Reports & Presentations

### Report of Operations and Construction

CFO Becky Jacobson's report included:

- 2020 Year-end Balance Sheet review and Statement of Operations.
- Balance Sheet review.
  - Total Utility Plant
  - Work-in-progress (WIP)
  - Cash position status.
  - Tax credit for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
  - Notes payable.
- Update on 2020 Audit.
- Statement of Operations for one month ended January 31, 2021.
  - Sales of Electricity
  - Cost of Power
  - Operation and Maintenance Expense
  - Operating Margins
  - Net Patronage Operating Margins
- Update on Internal Controls Audit, Form 7, and Form 990.

### Operating Report and Work Order Summary Approval

Nevinger made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$2,343,340 for December 2020. Jennings seconded; motion carried.

Warner made a motion to approve the Operating Report and Work Order Summary in the amount of \$402,748.59 for January 2021. Stine seconded; motion carried.

### CEO's Report:

CEO Bobby Williams' report included:

- One lost time accident for January 2021.
- New hire and job openings.
- Update on COVID-19 procedures.
- Social media pages.
- Extreme weather and the energy market.
- Legal matters.
- Compass Model progress.
- Member matters.
- Highlights from the Staff reports.

Warner made a motion to pursue the sale of property owned by the cooperative at 1106 Barbados Dr., Edwardsville, IL. Nevinger seconded; motion carried. Management will work on assessing the property's value and will report back to the board.

### **Membership Applications and Terminations**

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

A motion was made by Willman, seconded by Grapperhaus, and carried to accept 72 applications for membership for January 2021 in accordance with Section 2 of the bylaws.

A motion was made by Nevinger, seconded by Warner, and carried to formally acknowledge the termination of 22 memberships for February 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 \$71,992.15 with the condition that the capital credits for member number 17635 be paid in three installments over the course of 90-days.

Jacobson left the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The meeting recessed at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Emerging Technology Committee:**

The Emerging Technology Committee met on February 22 at Greenville Headquarters. Chairperson Jerry Gaffner gave a verbal report. The topics discussed included EV charging stations, EV car show, possible partnerships, co-generation accounts, and battery storage.

Gaffner made a motion to change the solar credit for co-generation accounts on July 1, 2021 to reflect our current avoided cost. Grapperhaus seconded, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

NRECA's 2021 Annual Member Business Meeting will be held virtually on March 4<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Grapperhaus, seconded by Stine, and carried to appoint Jennings as the voting delegate for NRECA's Member Business Meeting. A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Nevinger, and carried to appoint Schwarm as the alternate delegate.

The Member & Community Engagement Committee, Policy & Bylaws Committee, and Executive Committee plan to meet in March.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Warner, seconded by Nevinger, and carried to approve the ORU contribution of \$1,000 to the St. James Lutheran Church Fresh Start program as recommended by the ORU Committee.

At 8:12 p.m., Grapperhaus made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss board governance. Hartlieb seconded; motion carried. At 8:55 p.m., Warner made a motion to leave executive session. Nevinger seconded; motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
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Annette Hartlieb, Secretary

Attest:

  
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Ann Schwarm, President