

CHOCTAW ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC
P.O. Box 758 – Hugo, Oklahoma 74743

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the board of trustees of Choctaw Electric Cooperative was held in the board room of the cooperative in Hugo, Oklahoma, June 24, 2025.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brent Franks called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

The following trustees were present:

Brent Franks, District G

Jackson Ferguson, District H

Ken Autry, District I

Debbie Cody, District F

Stacy Nichols, District C

Jana Burris, District B

Jared Campbell, District A

Perry Thompson, Jr., District E

Bill Woolsey, District D

Council for the cooperative, J. Frank Wolf, III, was present. Choctaw Electric Cooperative staff present were: Kooney Duncan, CEO & General Manager, Tanya Roebuck, Executive Assistant, Rickey Bowen, System Administrator, Michael Melton, Director of Finance and Accounting, Hilary Pound, Billing and Customer Service Supervisor and Jia Johnson, Director of Member Services.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Upon call from President Franks, Jackson Ferguson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introduction of Guests

No guests were present.

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off May 2024 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Jana Burris

To approve the May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and authorization to write off the May 2024 Uncollected Accounts in the amount of \$2947.26.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

5. Department Reports

a. Service and Construction:

- The Engineering Department completed the 2025 WFEC Load Forecast Study.
- Field staking for ODOT Hwy. 37 project was completed.
- The Garvin & Haworth Pole Inspection continues. Currently 3,165 of 13,700 poles have been inspected with a 21.1% rejection rate.
- The Construction and Maintenance crews worked 4 days of storm outage and changed out bad and broken poles.
- The Staking Department released 36 jobs for construction.

b. Right of Way and Service Quality

- The CEC in-house crew cleared 12 miles from Wild Horse Mountain to Honobia.
- Texar Line clearance crews cleared 10.5 miles on the Darwin sub, feeder 2 and completed feeder 4 which is only 14.9 miles.

c. Safety and Technical Operations

- Crews worked a total of 11,971 hours in May and drove over 63,000 miles.
- No lost time accidents were reported.
- All employees participated in a Wired Up for Safety Video Enactment.
- Safety & Loss Supervisor, Guy Dale, attended the 2025 Safety and Loss Conference.

d. IT System Report

- The metering server migration has been completed.
- IVR migration to NISC's cloud infrastructure will take place in July.

e. Customer Service and Billing

- 155 Kiosk payments were taken in May.
- 151 average daily calls were taken.
- 3,171 incoming calls were taken during the month of May.

1. Outage Reporting Video Series

The Customer Service and Membership Services department filmed 5 short videos about how to report outages. These videos were shared on Facebook and a short clip of these were shown to the board members during the meeting.

f. Member Services

- 7 news storm shelter loans have been approved and are ready to be installed.
- CEC hosted a Kilowatt and Megawatt Kids Camp during the month of June. Both camps were well attended and enjoyed by all.
- 2 phone audit calls and 1 high usage call were completed.

1. Youth Tour Report

Brooke Burrage attended the meeting and gave a short speech thanking the board members for allowing her to be a part of the Youth Tour. A short video of all 3 participants was shown highlighting several of the places they visited in Washington, D.C.

6. Financial Report

Michael Melton gave the May 2025 Financial report.

- May Revenue \$4,157,253, YTD revenue \$25,067,626
- May Cost of Power \$2,680,514, YTD Cost of Power \$15,116,794
- May Total Cost of Electric Service \$4,036,485, YTD Total Cost of Electric Service \$22,658,530
- May 2025 kWh Sales 35,334,733, May 2024 kWh Sales 34,328,129
- Revenue from Electric Sales, May 2025 \$4,117,388, May 2024 \$3,767,149
- May 2025 WFEK kWh Purchased, 39,258,411, May 2024 kWh Purchased, 40,007,689
- May 2025 WFEK Average Cost per kWh \$0.0683, May 2024 WFEK Average Cost per kWh \$0.0586

7. Attorney's Report

Attorney Frank Wolf stated that he was working on some documents with Michael Melton, Director of Finance and Accounting.

8. CEO Report

- WFEC Committee and Board meeting, June 17-18, 2025
 - WFEC CFO discussed future financing options for upcoming capital expenditures.
 - Shelf funding options were discussed, which included the upfront cost and the fact that there is no obligation or cost on the funds not drawn down.
- Cost of Power through June 13, 2025
 - Fuel base projections are estimated to be in the 37- mills range. WFEC could potentially bill at a higher amount to increase the fuel account balance.
 - Natural gas prices continue to range just below \$3.00/MMBtu range with no transport.
 - Hydro generation is forecasted to produce 70,000 MWh. (steady supplemental with recent rainfall and healthy storage levels)
- OAEC Managers Meeting, June 10, 2025
 - Eric Turner gave a legal update on the OG&E rate case.
 - Federated presented over Wildfire Mitigation and Wildfire Mitigation Plans.
 - A presentation was given on Gridware, which uses soundwaves to detect potential hazards and outages.
 - OAEC SIF Annual Meeting was conducted.
- Choctaw Electric Cooperative
 - Staff are working on Capital Credit Retirement and Allocations.
 - The Accounting Department is reviewing our time entry process.
 - Darwin Pole Changeout continues, with approximately 400 poles changed out of the 800 total.
 - The 2025 Right of Way Herbicide application is complete.
 - CEC Member Services/Billing Department continues to scan easements into our system to create an electronic database. Currently over 13,069 have been scanned.
 - Estate capital credits paid out in May 2025 equals \$ 6,226.35.

9. Executive Session

President Franks announced the board would convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts, and legal matters.

Motion by Jackson Ferguson at 10:32 a.m.

Seconded by Jana Burris to enter Executive Session. The motion carried.

Motion by Bill Woolsey at 11:32 a.m.

Seconded by Jana Burris to reconvene in regular session. The motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened in regular session.

10. Action Items

a. Capital Credit Retirement

Motion by Jana Burris

Seconded by Ken Autry

To authorize CEC staff to retire CEC's Capital Credits for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 in the amount of \$1,960,986.08.

The motion was approved. Motion carried.

b. Hwy. 37 ODOT Road Project

Motion by Bill Woolsey

Seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr.

To table the Hwy. 37 ODOT Road project until the July 2025 board meeting.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

11. WFEC Report

Ken Autry reported that natural gas prices are higher because of the transport fee that is added to it. He explained that it also costs to store excess natural gas and to retrieve it when needed. The Hugo coal plant ran for the entire month of May and was the cheapest power produced. He also stated that there is enough coal in storage to last all summer.

12. OAEC Report

Jana Burris reported that Jennifer Meason was elected to retain the NRECA director position. Jennifer Meckling, with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, gave an update on the Energy Trails Endowment Fund. Kooney Duncan and Jana Burris, members of the Safety and Loss Control Committee, met with other members to discuss the 2025 Safety and Loss Control goals and objectives. They also discussed how to improve safety communications with members and the board of trustees.

13. Other Business

Brent Franks, board president, shared a plaque Choctaw Electric received from the Kiamichi Tech Electrical Lineman Training Program thanking them for their support, cooperation, and contribution to the program during the Spring 2025 semester.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, upon motion made by Jana Burris and seconded by Bill Woolsey. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Board Expenses Reported for June 1 – 24, 2025

Bill Woolsey	\$ 592.00
Ken Autry	\$ 616.50
Stacy Nichols	\$ 659.20
Brent Franks	\$ 597.92
Debbie Cody	\$ 549.12
Perry Thompson, Jr.	\$ 548.42
Jarred Campbell	\$ 620.00
Jana Burris	\$ 788.82
Jackson Ferguson	\$ 559.10



President


Secretary/Treasurer



7-29-2025

Date
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