

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, August 25, 2026.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brent Franks called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following trustees were present:

Brent Franks, District G	Perry Thompson, Jr., District E	Ken Autry, District I
Bill Woolsey, District D	Jarred Campbell, District A	Debbie Cody, District F
Jackson Ferguson, District H	Stacy Nichols, District C	Jana Burris, District B

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 and Jacob Johnson, Distribution Engineer Supervisor.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Upon call from President Franks, Stacy Nichols gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introduction of Guests

Trevor Barnett, Regional Vice-President of National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) was introduced by Kooney Duncan.

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the July 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off the July 2025 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Jana Burris

To approve the July 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and authorization to write off the July 2025 Uncollected Accounts in the amount of \$6,490.55.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

5. KRTA Review

Trevor Barnett of CFC presented Choctaw Electric's 2025 KRTA results. His presentation compared Choctaw Electric's financial and operational ratios to other cooperatives in Oklahoma and to cooperatives in the United States as a whole.

6. Department Reports

- a. Service and Construction:

- The Operations Department East & West Service Crews completed 300 cases in July.

- The Maintenance Crew worked two large projects at Gates Creek and SCS Materials.
 - Imperium Utility Services, LLC has been changing 3 phase poles south of the casino on Feeder 2 from Hochatown to the Creekside RV Park.
- b. Right of Way & Service Quality
- The Choctaw Electric in-house crew cleared 11.5 miles in the Smithville area.
 - Wither's Construction started back to work this month and cleared 60 miles on the Westbank sub, Feeder 2, in the Soper area.
- c. Safety & Technical Operations
- Outside employees attended an on-site training by Justin Marsh on H2S & Invisible Threats.
 - Jason Funtain also attended the on-site training and discussed capacitors.
 - 42 field service calls were made.
 - 21 trucks were serviced in the shop.
 - Crews worked over 10,666 hours in July.
- d. IT System Report
- The IT department continues to monitor our cybersecurity daily and there were no incidents reported this month.
 - All required information has been submitted to ODOT for the Carter Mountain Tower Access. We are awaiting approval to provide access to support the radio system.
 - The backup internet service provider has been changed from Pine Cellular to Valliant Telephone Company.
- e. Customer Service and Billing
- 139 average daily phone calls were taken during the month of July.
 - Total amount of payments through the KIOSK this month was \$12,421.83.
 - 10,239 current Smarthub customers.
 - 7,590 total paperless accounts.
- f. Member Services
- There are 111 active storm shelter loans.
 - Organizing/preparing for area county fairs.
 - Sent out Annual Meeting vendor letters.

7. Financial Report

Michael Melton gave the July 2026 Financial report.

- July Revenue \$5,401,680; YTD revenue \$34,503,256
- July Cost of Power \$3,563,492; YTD Cost of Power \$21,879,494
- July Total Cost of Electric Service \$5,342,438; YTD Total Cost of Electric Service \$32,955,031
- July 2026 kWh Sales 48,199,937; July 2025 kWh Sales 47,367,673
- July 2026 Revenue from Electric Sales, \$5,363,638; July 2025 Revenue from Electric Sales, \$5,262,304
- July 2026 WFEC kWh Purchased 54,913,401 ; July 2025 kWh Purchased 53,663,772
- July 2026 WFEC Average Cost per kWh \$0.0649; July 2025 WFEC Average Cost per kWh \$0.0644

8. Attorney's Report

No report.

9. CEO Report

- WFEF Committee/Board Meeting – August 18 -19, 2026
 - Steel pole modifications, substation, and switch station approvals.
 - Darwin MW Tower Rebuild
 - Updating unit controls for Mooreland Unit 1.
- Cost of Power expectation through August 14, 2026
 - Oneta purchases (110,000 estimated) and GRDA purchases (148,800 estimated) will make up purchased power.
 - Solar generation should reach 102,600 MWh, Hydro Generation, Supplemental, and Peaking Hydro energy generation should be in the 68,000-MWh range, with very high wind totals adding 346,639 MWh.
 - Resources of WFEF have delivered the majority of energy consumed by members to the market leaving market purchases at 104,000 MWh.
 - So far, the three peak days called for the summer have been Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. with 2,190 MW recorded; Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m., with 2,192 MW recorded, and Thursday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. with 2,194 MWh recorded.
 - The peak reading for the summer is 2,219 MW but this was on a no peak called day. If the day had been called, it would have only yielded about a 2,180 MW peak day.
- WFEF Managers Meeting—August 18, 2026
 - R-17 rate review
- OAEC Board Meeting—August 11, 2026
 - OAEC General Manager/CEO Performance Review
 - OAEC rented out their extra building to Arkansas Electric
 - Approval of additional office spaces in the main OAEC Building
- OAEC Managers Association Meeting—July 29-30, 2026
 - NRTC Update on Service Offerings
 - Drone Inspection Case Study and Live Demo
 - AI for Co-ops
- CEC Operations
 - Ferreira Power South is nearing completion of the Mt. Fork South line conversion. After completion, they will start on the underground development.
 - R.O.W. contract crews have resumed in the Hugo-Soper areas.
- CEC Finance and Accounting
 - Has taken on the responsibility of the Warehouse & Facilities Maintenance.
 - TFACC training (tax and finance training for cooperatives)
- CEC Staff
 - CEC will be featured in an upcoming OAEC production. CEC has identified a location for the video shoot. A CEC employee will also be featured in a separate production.
 - CEC staff and the Kempton Group met and reviewed our mid-year Health Insurance status.

10. Executive Session

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

Motion by Jana Burris at 10:51 a.m.

Seconded by Jackson Ferguson to enter Executive Session.

The motion carried. The board convened into Executive Session.

Motion by Ken Autry at 12:15 p.m.

Seconded by Bill Woolsey to reconvene in regular session.

The motion carried. The meeting was reconvened in regular session.

11. Action Items

a. Shoot for the Nations Attendance

Motion by Stacy Nichols

Seconded by Ken Autry

To approve Jana Burris to volunteer at the Shoot for the Nations event on September 25, 2026, at the Silverleaf Shotgun Sports Center in Guthrie, OK. This event supports the Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation which supports international electrification projects.

The motion was approved. Motion carried.

b. 2027 Youth Tour & Energy Camp Numbers

Motion by Jackson Ferguson

Seconded by Jana Burris

To approve, sending 3 students on the 2027 Youth Tour and 3 students to the 2027 Energy Camp.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

c. Safety Deposit Box Authorization

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Jackson Ferguson

To authorize removing Mike Brewer from the authorized individuals for the safety deposit box at Security First National Bank and adding Perry Thompson, Jr.

The motion was approved. Motion carried.

d. Hwy. 70 ODOT Project (WO# 246608)

Motion by Bill Woolsey

Seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr.

To authorize our current right-of-way contractor, Withers' Construction, to move forward with the clearing required to redirect the powerline for new shoulders and culvert reconstruction for the Hwy. 70 ODOT project WO# 246608 as presented.

Roll Call Bid:

Brent Franks—yes

Jana Burris—yes

Debbie Cody—yes

Jarred Campbell—yes

Stacy Nichols—yes

Jackson Ferguson—yes

Perry Thompson, Jr. —yes

Bill Woolsey—yes

Ken Autry—yes

The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

12. WFEC Report

Ken Autry reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the WFEC Hugo Units 3-11 will be held on October 14. The fuel bank is currently at \$22 million, with a goal of \$25 million before the next winter storm hits to help mitigate costs for our members. He also reported a contract will soon be signed to help transport coal from one location on the east side of the plant to meet up with refurbished tracts at WFEC. This will help by allowing more competition regarding the price of coal which could benefit our members.

13. OAEC Report

Jana Burris reported that a 3.5% OAEC wage and salary structure adjustment was approved. Nikki Fuller was present and gave a legislative update on FEMA reform. Brent Howard discussed interest in coordinating a gathering of cooperative attorneys in conjunction with the NRECA regional meeting. The steering committee also recommended action to approve the OAEC building renovation.

14. Other Business

No other business to discuss.

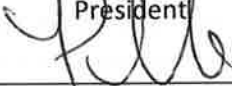
15. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Jana Burris and seconded by Jackson Ferguson, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Board Expenses Reported for August 1-25, 2026

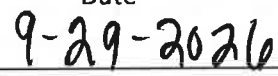
Bill Woolsey	\$593.50
Ken Autry	\$619.60
Stacy Nichols	\$1016.86
Brent Franks	\$581.42
Debbie Cody	\$549.52
Perry Thompson, Jr.	\$548.80
Jarred Campbell	\$629.75
Jana Burris	\$737.27
Jackson Ferguson	\$559.43



President


Secretary/Treasurer



Date


Date

