

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 December 21, 2023.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brent Franks called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

The following trustees were present:

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

Council for the cooperative, J. Frank Wolf, III was present. Choctaw Electric Cooperative staff present: Kooney Duncan, CEO General Manager, Tanya Roebuck, Executive Assistant, HR/Benefits, Jennifer Boling, Executive Assistant, Rickey Bowen, System Administrator, and Michael Melton, Accounting/Finance Supervisor.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Upon call from President Franks, Bill Woolsey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introduction of Guests

Stacey Franks, wife of President Brent Franks, was present.

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of November 28, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off November 2022 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr.

To approve the November 28, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and authorization to Write Off the November 2022 Uncollected Accounts in the amount of \$6,307.61.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

5. Department Reports

Kooney Duncan gave an account of department activities.

- a. Service and Construction:
 - FEMA reimbursement update was given.
 - ODOT road project design work submitted.
 - Reviewed work completed by service crews, construction and maintenance crew and staking activities.
- b. Right of Way and Service Quality

- In-house crew cleared 14.25 miles in November.
 - Contract crew cleared 21.1 miles in November along Broken Bow sub feeder 4. A second crew cleared 23.2 miles along Sawyer sub, feeder 4.
- c. Safety and Technical Operations
- No lost time accidents were reported in November.
- d. IT System Report: Rickey Bowen gave an update on department projects.
- Mapping corrections completed
 - NISC is updating their programs and CEC will implement them over the next 5 to 10 years.
- e. Customers Service and Billing
- Average call wait time is 12 seconds.
 - Paperless billing continues to have accounts added each month.
- f. Member Services
- 5 active small appliance loans.
 - 3 high bill phone calls.
 - Buddy Ball planning meeting.

6. Financial Report

Kooney Duncan gave the November 2023 Financial report.

- November Revenue \$3,778,532, YTD revenue \$50,392,531
- November Cost of Power \$2,393,466, YTD Cost of Power \$30,061,959
- November Total Cost of Electric Service \$3,827,301, YTD Total Cost of Electric Service \$44,623,659.
- November 2023 kWh Sales 35,790,369, November 2022 kWh Sales 36,682,385
- Revenue from Electric Sales, November 2023 \$3,739,296, November 2022 \$4,228,734
- November 2023 WFEC kWh Purchased, 41,030,099, November 2022 kWh Purchased, 41,690,672
- November 2023 WFEC Average Cost per kWh \$0.0559, November 2022 \$0.0695

7. Attorney's Report

No report

8. CEO Report

Mr. Duncan reported on several topics and meetings he attended.

- WFEC Committee and Board meeting
 - Cost of Power
 - Natural gas costs are low
 - Wind estimates have increased
 - Sales for December are expected to be above budgeted levels
- OAECDirectors Conference
 - OK Electric Cooperatives raised over \$38,000 to be donated to the OU Trauma Center.
 - Oklahoma Electric Vehicle Infrastructure update
 - Cooperative Innovative Member Programs

- Choctaw Electric Cooperative
 - Buddy Ball event to be held in April
 - WFEC Switch Training for our linemen
 - Working on two upcoming presentations at NRECA meetings

9. Executive Session

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

Motion by Jana Burris at 9:49 a.m.

Seconded by Jackson Ferguson to enter Executive Session. The motion carried.

Motion by Jana Burris at 11:54 p.m.

Seconded by Bill Woolsey to reconvene in regular session. The motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in regular session.

10. Action Items

a. **2024 Board Meeting Dates**

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Jackson Ferguson

To authorize approve the Choctaw Electric Cooperative monthly board meeting dates for 2024.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

b. **CEO Performance Evaluation**

No action was taken, tabled until January 2024 board meeting.

c. **Loan/Finance Discussion & Approval, Resolution 2023-012**

Motion by Bill Woosley

Seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr.

To allow CEC staff to use \$3,000,000 of our Raymond James Investment to reduce the \$6,000,000 cash shortfall. This will leave a remaining balance of \$3,000,000 to finance.

To approve Board Resolution 2023-012 to allow CEC to utilize CoBank or CFC to refinance the remaining \$3,000,000 with a thirty-year loan with interest repricing options.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

d. 2024 O & M & Capital Budget Approval

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Debbie Cody

To approve the 2024 O & M & Capital Budget as presented.

Motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

e. Amend 2023 URD Unit Pricing Agreement

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Jackson Ferguson

To amend the contract with JCL Power based on the Unit Pricing submitted for 2023 and extend the contract through the end of 2024.

Roll call bid was called for.

Brent Franks, yes

Jarred Campbell, yes

Perry Thompson, Jr., yes

Jana Burris, yes

Stacy Nichols, yes

Bill Woolsey, yes

Jackson Ferguson, yes

Debbie Cody, yes

Ken Autry, yes

The motion was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

11. OAEC Report

Jana Burris gave a short report of the OAEC board meeting. ODOT reports there are 16,000 Electric Vehicles in Oklahoma and 1,000 charging stations. ODOT stated a charging station is needed every 50 miles. OK Living magazine priced printing options but remained with same printer. Jackson Ferguson was recognized for completing his director courses.

12. WFEC Report

Ken Autry gave a short report. WFEC's Hugo plant has their coal and natural gas supplies full. Utah was supposed to build a new reactor, but the project was cancelled due to increasing costs. California is looking at building a small experimental liquid fluoride salt reactor which has no melt down potential.

13. Other Business


No other business to discuss.


14. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, upon motion made by Jana Burris and seconded by Stacy Nichols. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.

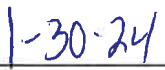
Board Expenses Reported for December 1 through December 21, 2023.

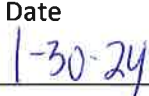
Bill Woolsey	\$589.30
Ken Autry	\$1,035.19
Stacy Nichols	\$652.18
Brent Franks	\$739.30
Debbie Cody	\$560.48
Perry Thompson, Jr.	\$559.83
Jarred Campbell	\$608.95
Jana Burris	\$1283.26
Jackson Ferguson	\$676.21



President


Secretary/Treasurer



Date


Date

