

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 February 27, 2024.

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	Jackson Ferguson, District H
Stacy Nichols, District C	Debbie Cody, District F
Bill Woolsey, District D	Ken Autry, District I

Jana Burris, District B, participated remotely.

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

No guests were present.

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of January 30, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off January 2023 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Bill Woolsey

To approve the January 30, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and authorization to Write Off the January 2023 Uncollected Accounts in the amount of \$5,343.05.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

5. Department Reports

Kooney Duncan gave an account of department activities.

- a. Service and Construction:
 - FEMA reimbursement update.
 - Chahta substation feeder 1 was staked.
 - Operations completed 447 cases for the month of January.

- Half of the meter changeouts have been completed, averaging 60 per day.
- b. Right of Way and Service Quality
 - In-house crew cleared 15 miles in January.
 - Contract crews cleared 18.4 miles during the month of January.
- c. Safety and Technical Operations: Guy Dale gave an update.
 - No lost time accidents were reported in January.
 - Completing more job site briefings with an emphasis on not becoming complacent on the job.
- d. IT System Report
 - Pole Attachment audit is upcoming.
- e. Customers Service and Billing
 - Average daily calls taken is 171.
 - Smarthub app is very useful for looking at your daily usage.
- f. Member Services
 - Energy Camp information has been distributed.
 - Buddy Ball planning continues in preparation for the April 20, 2024, game.
 - Solar Eclipse meetings taking place internally.

6. Financial Report

Michael Melton gave the January 2024 Financial report.

- January Revenue \$5,590,349, YTD revenue \$5,590,349
- January Cost of Power \$4,012,898, YTD Cost of Power \$4,012,898
- January Total Cost of Electric Service \$5,339,258, YTD Total Cost of Electric Service \$5,339,258.
- January 2024 kWh Sales 54,580,926, January 2023 kWh Sales 48,292,824
- Revenue from Electric Sales, January 2024 \$5,546,616, January 2023 \$5,729,672
- January 2024 WFEC kWh Purchased, 62,889,880, January 2023 kWh Purchased, 49,182,095
- January 2024 WFEC Average Cost per kWh \$0.0622, January 2023 \$0.0647

7. Attorney's Report

No report

8. CEO Report

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

- WFEC Committee and Board meeting
 - Strategic Retreat will be held March 20 & 21
 - Natural gas costs are low.
 - February projected fuel base could be billed at an estimated 35 mills.
 - Hugo is online and offline due to the market prices.
- OAEC Board Meeting
 - Managers Out of the Gate Reception.
 - Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell gave an update on the State of Oklahoma
- OAEC Managers Meeting
 - Youth Tour Ambassador question and answer session.

- Update from Oklahoma Emergency Management
- Update from OU-Tulsa Polytechnic Program on Artificial Intelligence.
- Choctaw Electric Cooperative
 - Staff met with large power account holders (Tyson and Huber).
 - Solar Eclipse Planning by CEC staff.
 - 24/7 in-house dispatch during event.
 - Service teams will be strategically placed to minimize driving time.
 - Communicate with members.
 - Members meeting held in Valliant on February 12th and updates were given to members attending.
 - Preparing for the NRECA Power Xchange presentation in March.

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 10:02 a.m.

Seconded by Bill Woolsey to enter Executive Session. The motion carried.

Motion by Debbie Cody at 11:09 a.m.

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

The meeting reconvened in regular session.

President Franks suggested that a motion be made to move Item 11 OAEC Report to the next item on the agenda.

Motion by Jackson Ferguson

Seconded by Debbie Cody

To move Item 11 OAEC report to the next item on the agenda.

Motion was approved. Motion carried.

Jana Burris gave an update from the OAEC meeting. March 12th has been set as Legislative Day at the capitol. Youth Tour and Energy Camp updates were given. The Safety and Loss Control Committee met and stated the OAEC Safety Manual is now complete and ready to be distributed to all Cooperatives.

10. Action Items

a. **Bucket Truck Purchases 2024**

Motion by Jackson Ferguson

Seconded by Bill Woolsey

To authorize approval for CEC staff to move forward with the purchase of a TC55 on a Freightliner M2106 4X4 from Custom Truck for \$231,360 with an immediate delivery time and a TEREX LTM40 on a 5500 Chevrolet 4X4 from Custom Truck for \$187,500 with an immediate delivery time.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

b. Hochatown Workplan Conversion, WO #184516

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Debbie Cody

To give approval for CEC to move forward with JCL Power, LLC on this project based on work order estimates, and labor bids from the contractor.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

c. Woodland Ridge Update, WO #167748

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Jackson Ferguson

To allow CEC staff to move forward with JCL Power, LLC to complete Woodland Ridge, WO #167748 at a cost of \$34,879.16 and terminating the contract with D & H Electric.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

d. 2024 Property, Liability, D & O Renewal

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Bill Woolsey

To approve CEC staff to enter into an agreement with Federated Insurance for this 2-year (2024-February 2026) proposal at a total premium of \$229,857 per year.

Motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

e. Collective Bargaining Contract

Motion by Jackson Ferguson

Seconded by Stacy Nichols

To approve the agreement between Choctaw Electric and the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) bargaining unit for a five-year term.

The motion was approved. Motion carried.

f. Approval of Sale of Surplus Capital Assets

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Stacy Nichols

To approve the sale of surplus capital assets-vehicles/equipment using Purple Wave Online auctions.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

g. Amend 2023/2024 Pole Inspection Contract

Motion by Bill Woolsey

Seconded by Ken Autry

To amend WO #197662 by adding 1,327 additional poles located on the Clayton metering point feeder at the estimated cost of \$20,000.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

11. OAEC Report

Moved per motion made earlier in the meeting.

12. WFEC Report

Ken Autry gave a short report. The primary topic at the meeting was the issue of First Right to Refusal. Natural gas prices have decreased due to the warmer weather. Western approved two new plants in Anadarko. Four dams along the Snake River could potentially be removed due to salmon breeding issues.

13. Other Business

No other business to discuss.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, upon motion made by Jackson Ferguson and seconded by Debbie Cody. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Board Expenses Reported for February 1 – 27, 2024


Bill Woolsey	\$590.20
Ken Autry	\$1,069.50
Stacy Nichols	\$654.52
Brent Franks	\$668.32
Debbie Cody	\$609.36
Jana Burris	\$1168.58
Jackson Ferguson	\$558.71



 President

3-26-24

 Date



 Secretary/Treasurer

3-26-24

 Date

