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, July 29, 2025.

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

Jarred 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; and Jacob Johnson, Distribution Engineer Supervisor.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Introduction of Guests

No guests were present.

4. Consent Items

- a. Approval of June 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off the June 2024 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Stacy Nichols

Seconded by Jana Burris

To approve the June 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and authorization to write off the June 2024 Uncollected Accounts in the amount of \$1,999.52.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

5. Department Reports

- a. Service and Construction:
 - The Engineering department acquired bids for an ODOT project on Hwy. 37.
 - Engineering is using thermal imaging to check for hot spots during metering installations.
 - The Garvin & Haworth Pole inspection is progressing with 3,585 poles inspected out of a total of 13,500 poles.
- b. Right of Way and Service Quality
 - Our in-house crew cleared 11 miles on the Bethel Sub, feeder 1.

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- Revisions will be made to the Standby/Backup Service Rider to R-16. Changes were prompted by the need to cover the costs that would be left if a load/generator on the standby tariff went away. The Tariff would become effective September 1, 2025.
- o Revised the MR-14 Riders to align with the R-16 tariff.
- Cost of Power through July 11, 2025
 - o Fuel base projections are estimated to be in the 38-mills range.
 - Natural gas prices have been around \$2.80 per MMBtu index and about \$1.20 for delivery with a total price of \$4.00.
 - o The Hugo coal plant has been on and off. It is expected to run about 145,000 MWh.
- Choctaw Electric Cooperative
 - Annual Meeting preparation has begun.
 - Insurance reimbursement from Federated has been received for the stolen tools.
 - Staff are working on Capital Credit Retirement and Allocations.
 - The Bethel to Hochatown project is approximately ½ completed.
 - Meter changeouts are nearing completion with approximately 800 left to be changed.
 - o 2025 Pole Inspection continues with a current rejection rate of 26%.

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 10:10 a.m.

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

Motion by Jana Burris at 10:59 a.m.

Seconded by Ken Autry to reconvene in regular session. The motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened in regular session.

10. Action Items

a. Fire Alarm Replacement 2025

Motion by Bill Woolsey Seconded by Jackson Ferguson

To authorize CEC staff to purchase the fire alarm system from Elite Systems.

The motion was approved. Motion carried.

b. UTV Purchase 2025

Motion by Jackson Ferguson Seconded by Debbie Cody

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, upon motion made by Jana Burris and seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Board Expenses Reported for July 1 – 29, 2025

Bill Woolsey	\$592.00
Ken Autry	\$617.20
Stacy Nichols	\$659.20
Brent Franks	\$579.92
Debbie Cody	\$549.12
Perry Thompson, Jr.	\$548.42
Jarred Campbell	\$620.00
Jana Burris	\$751.48
Jackson Ferguson	\$559.10

Secretary/Treasurer

8-26-25
Date
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