

**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, April 29, 2025.

**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	Ken Autry, District I
Debbie Cody, District F	Stacy Nichols, District C	Jana Burris, District B
Perry Thompson, Jr., District E	Bill Woolsey, District D	

Jarred Campbell, District A, participated remotely by phone.

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, and Michael Melton, Director of Finance and Accounting.

**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 at this time.

**4. Consent Items**

- a. Approval of March 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off March 2024 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded by Jana Burris

To approve the March 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and authorization to write off the March 2024 uncollected accounts in the amount of \$3556.26.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

**5. Department Reports**

- a. Service and Construction:

- The engineering department met with local FEMA representatives about storm damage that occurred between November 2024 and March 15, 2025.
- Met with Pole Inspection company to start inspection at Garvin Sub by the end of April.
- East and West service crews completed 362 cases in April.
- The staking department completed 63 appointments system wide.

- b. Right of Way and Service Quality
  - In-house crews cleared 7.25 miles and also helped with storm damage in April.
  - Texar worked two crews, one in the Coffee Creek area and the other in Antlers, clearing a total of 32 miles for the month.
- c. Safety and Technical Operations
  - No accidents this month.
  - Crews drove over 67,000 miles in April.
- d. IT System Report
  - All substations have been switched over to the FirstNet Cellular network.
  - Metering servers are configured and waiting for Aclara's migration in July.
- e. Customer Service and Billing
  - The Antlers kiosk took 71 payments in March.
  - 1,299 Service Orders were made.
  - 114 accounts went paperless in March, making a total of 5,917 paperless accounts.
- f. Member Services
  - Three Rivers Meat Market, who is a Choctaw Electric member, was featured in the April edition of Oklahoma Living.
  - There are 115 active storm shelter loans.
  - Visited multiple schools in regard to gross receipts tax checks they received.

## 6. Financial Report

Michael Melton gave the March 2025 Financial report.

- March Revenue \$5,037,397, YTD revenue \$16,666,672
- March Cost of Power \$2,762,731, YTD Cost of Power \$9,791,653
- March Total Cost of Electric Service \$4,550,915, YTD Total Cost of Electric Service \$14,351,425
- March 2025 kWh Sales 43,410,045, March 2024 kWh Sales 38,124,807
- Revenue from Electric Sales, March 2025 \$4,976,469, March 2024 \$4,065,760
- March 2025 WFEC kWh Purchased, 40,177,588, March 2024 kWh Purchased, 40,333,480
- March 2025 WFEC Average Cost per kWh \$0.0688, March 2024 WFEC Average Cost per kWh \$0.0584

## 7. Attorney's Report

No report

President Franks announced that Joshua Link from Bollinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP was online and ready to review the 2024 Financial Audit Report.

President Brent Franks asked for a motion to move item 10 a. Audit Review to the current place in the meeting.

Motion by Jackson Ferguson  
Seconded by Debbie Cody

To move Action Item 10 a. Audit Review to this portion of the meeting.

Motion was approved. Motion carried.

2024 Financial Audit Report was presented virtually by Joshua Link.

#### **8. CEO Report**

Kooney Duncan gave a short report on his monthly activities.

- WFEC Committee and Board meeting, April 15-16, 2025
  - Purchase a new 28 MVA Mobile Substation.
  - Transmission, Sub and Switch station construction projects.
- Cost of Power through April 18, 2025
  - Fuel based projections are estimated to be in the 40-44 mills range.
  - Natural gas prices are averaging nearly \$4.35/MMBtu with no transport.
  - Hydro generation is forecasted to produce 50,000 MWh.
- OAEC Board meeting
  - Attended Legislative Day at the Capitol on April 7, 2025.
  - Received legislative update from Representative Trey Caldwell and Senator Jon Echols.
- Choctaw Electric Cooperative
  - Engineering staff continue to review the information received from the Drone Inspection and create service and work orders for the repairs.
  - Annual Inspection/Dielectric testing on our trucks was completed.
  - CEC staff is working to clean up the Idabel pole yard.

#### **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 11:07 a.m.

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

Motion by Jana Burris at 11:47 a.m.

Seconded by Debbie Cody to reconvene in regular session. The motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened in regular session.

#### **10. Action Items**

##### **a. Audit Review**

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Debbie Cody

To approve the clean 2024 Financial Audit Report as presented by Joshua Link of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP.



The motion was approved. Motion carried.

**b. Special Olympics 2025 Board Member Attendance**

Motion by Jackson Ferguson

Seconded by Ken Autry

To approve Jana Burris to attend the 2025 Special Olympics.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

**11. WFEC Report**

Ken Autry reported that the Hugo Coal Plant was online for the entire month. He also stated that wind generation has improved. Various construction projects were approved and a new 28 MVA Mobile Substation will be purchased. An organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of WFEC was held and officers were elected.

**12. OAEC Report**

Jana Burris attended the 2025 Legislative Day at the Capitol on April 7<sup>th</sup> where she was able to visit with Representative J.J. Humphreys and Senator George Burns. She also attended a retirement reception for outgoing OAEC General Manager, Chris Meyers. The steering committee nominated and elected Tom Kloeppel to represent the northwest quadrant. Registration is currently open for Shoot for the Nations, whose fundraising efforts will benefit the Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be discussed, upon motion made by Bill Woolsey and seconded by Jana Burris. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

**Board Expenses Reported for April 1 - 29, 2025**

Bill Woolsey	\$ 592.00
Ken Autry	\$ 734.40
Stacy Nichols	\$ 659.20
Brent Franks	\$ 771.92
Debbie Cody	\$ 549.12
Perry Thompson, Jr.	\$ 548.42
Jarred Campbell	\$ 550.00
Jana Burris	\$ 1089.72
Jackson Ferguson	\$ 618.20

  
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