

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

August 15, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Directors of White River Electric Association, Inc. (WREA) was held on August 15, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. with the following Directors present:

Rogers, Hilkey, Ducey, Dearman, Phelan, Pearce, and Sherida via Teams. BD

Directors Absent: None

President Pearce called the meeting to order.

Dale Dunbar was appointed as Recording Secretary.

- Agenda The Directors reviewed the August 2024 agenda as presented. Upon motion, properly seconded, the Directors approved the agenda as presented.
- Election of The annual election of officers was held. Upon motion by Director Dearman, seconded by Director Hilkey, the Board unanimously approved to retain the present slate of officers for the coming year. They are as follows.
- President – Hal W. Pearce  
Vice-President – Mark Rogers  
Secretary – Bryce Ducey  
Treasurer – Ron Hilkey
- Public Comment None
- Guests Visitors present included Manager Michalewicz, Staff Members Dunbar, Tupy, Berthelson, Dinwiddie, Attorneys Sarah Abbott, Kobi Webb, and CREA Executive Director Kent Singer.
- Mr. Singer gave a brief update on CREA.
- Minutes The minutes of the regular and special meetings of July 18, 2024, had been posted to Boardpaq. A correction was noted in the Special meeting minutes. Upon motion, properly seconded, the Directors adopted the meeting minutes as corrected.
- Bills and Checks The bills and checks for the month of July 2024 were reviewed by the Directors. Upon motion, properly seconded, the Directors approved the checks, with Director Ducey abstaining.
- The bank balances and investments were also reviewed by the Directors.
- Safety Operations Manager Berthelson presented the Safety Report. The Directors reviewed the information from the August 12, 2024 Safety Committee meeting. Included in the report were Hazard Assessment, Fire Alarm, Panic Alarms, Federated and RESAP. Manager Michalewicz reported on the Managers meeting discussion on how other co-ops approach safety. Included in his review were how some co-ops allow concealed carry, and the different front office procedures and installations around the state. The outage reports were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Director Hilkey, seconded by Director Dearman, the Safety Report was approved unanimously by the Directors.
- Donations The Board discussed the requests for donations presented by staff.
- 4-H Indoor exhibits was approved for a \$1,000 donation.
- Uncollectable Accounts A listing of accounts determined to be uncollectable were presented to the Board in the amount of \$11,397.84. After review and discussion, and upon motion by Director Ducey, seconded by Director Hilkey, the Board unanimously approved to write off the accounts and the amounts were deemed uncollectable.
- Uncashed Checks A listing of uncashed checks was presented to the Directors for review. The total amount of the uncashed checks is \$50.28. Upon motion by Director Dearman, seconded by Director Rogers, the Board unanimously approved submitting the amount to the Great Colorado Payback.
- Insurance Rerate The annual insurance rerate was presented to the board for approval. Upon motion by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Phelan, the Board unanimously approved to accept the coverages and costs for 2025 and to continue to pay the amounts as presented.
- Jr. Livestock A recap of the purchases at the 4-H Junior Livestock sale was discussed. Upon motion by Director Phelan, seconded by Director Rogers, the Board unanimously agreed to pay the costs of \$13,483 for the animals purchased at the sale.

## Management Reports

- ESRI Conference Employees Allen and Dinwiddie gave the Board an update on the recent ESRI Conference they attended, which included information on mapping and GIS. The pair also discussed Skyhelm and participation in the Project Guardian Team.
- Cyber There was nothing additional to report.
- Power Bill Manager Michalewicz reported on the operations of WREA for the month of July 2024. The power bill for the month of July was \$2,839,232.28. There were 42,854,202 worth of kWh purchased, the demand was 64,873 Kw, the cost per kilowatt-hour was 66.2533 mills per kWh. The member system billing load factor was 88.7885. The Directors reviewed the statistical information for the month of June.
- Other There were no additional management report items.
- Thank You Notes Several thank you notes were passed around for the Directors to review.
- Attorney Report The attorney discussed the following with the board.
- Easement with CPW completed
  - New attorney coming up to speed
  - FERC topics
  - Fiber Payment
  - Letter to T/S co-signed by Empire Electric regarding serving T/S solar facilities.
- Executive Upon motion by Director Dearman, seconded by Director Ducey, the Board unanimously approved entering into executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters, and other privileged and confidential legal matters.
- Upon motion by Director Dearman, seconded by Director Ducey, the Board unanimously approved reconvening the public portion of the regular meeting.
- Rubrik A recommendation and request was made to purchase the Rubrik Complete Edition to provide WREA with additional cyber security protection in the amount of \$106,409. Upon motion by Director Dearman, seconded by Director Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the purchase.
- Associated Director Rogers gave an update on CREA.
- Director Rogers also gave an update on Western United Electric Supply.
- Director Hilkey submitted his Tri-State report and other items to Boardpaq.
- With no further business appearing before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Bryce R. Ducey, Secretary