

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

February 27, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the Headquarters facility. The meeting was called to order at 8:27 AM by President Hicks. Present for the meeting were:

Paul Hicks, President	Shane Hermetz, GM/EVP	Casey Twomey, Attorney
Kevin Liefer, Vice President	Cindy Krisby	Travis Deterding
Randall Campbell, Sec.-Treasurer	Jeremy Thies	Julie Loesing
Paul Pyatt	Jennifer Nugent	Roni Croxell
Ken Jarrett	Cheryl Bauersachs	Nick Reitz, AIEC
Kevin Bame	Brooke Guthman	
Steve Prest		
Mary Homan		

ABSENT: Rick Asaturian

MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS: Nick Reitz from AIEC provided an update on the Legal and Government Relations Department and the Illinois Electric Cooperatives PAC. He also presented the Director's President's Club vests for contributing to the PAC and thanked them for their support.

RECESS: The Board went into recess at 8:53 AM to allow the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund, NFP Board, to hold their meeting. The Board returned from recess at 8:57 AM.

The **CONSENT AGENDA**, consisting of the consideration of the prior month's board meeting minutes, review of the list of checks written during the prior month, the Equity Analysis report, Capital Credit Estate Refunds (\$2,885.19) for the month, the EECA Safety Report, the EECA ROW Report, the EECA Strategic Scorecard, the Regulatory Report, and the Outage Report were approved on a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Liefer, motion carried.

AIEC and SIPC REPORTS: Mr. Campbell provided an update on AIEC happenings, noting the Dairyland Power Energy project and other projects related to a diverse energy mix. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hermetz provided information on the latest developments and potential projects within AIEC and SIPC.

ENGINEERING\OPERATIONS REPORT: Mr. Hermetz presented the Engineering and Operations Report, noting the cost of solar interconnections on operations, how we address them now and plan to address them in the future. He also provided an update on the EV report and supply chain challenges.

IT REPORT: Mr. Swisher presented the IT report, noting that EECA has accepted the quote from Samron to convert the records room into two offices. Samron is also finalizing the bid for the storage building for operations. Mr. Swisher added that the VM Ware EECA purchases from Broadcom has seen a sharp price increase for server visualization, and that the IT team is actively looking for a more affordable long-term solution.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT: Ms. Guthman presented the Member Services Report. Copies of the upcoming month's Illinois Country Living center section, the employee newsletter, and the ICL Page 6 ad were presented in the Board materials. Ms. Guthman also reviewed the recent policies that have been revised and are waiting Board approval, as well as reviewing content for the Vision and Transparency page to the website. She also reminded the board of upcoming events such as Youth Day, Youth to Washington, and the Fields & Wires Safety Workshop.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ms. Bauersachs presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. Total margin for January 2024 was \$422,183.05 vs budget of \$76,820.47. Operating Revenue was \$5,169,556.78 up 23.4% from January last year at \$4,189,574.46. KWH sales were 37,614,592 up 21.6% from last January at 30,925,629. KWH purchases were 39,591,125 an increase of 22.4% from January last year at 32,354,191. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$452,459.68 higher, Distribution Expense \$60,466.74 higher, Depreciation \$24,664.40 lower, Interest Expense

\$3,248.02 lower, Customer Expenses \$8,466.48 higher, Sales Expense \$4,509.00 lower, and General and Administrative Expenses were \$16,437.05 lower.

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Casey Twomey noted that the process continues to review all EECA policies. Legal will continue to work with management to review policies and forms for updating. Legal will also continue to update the Board on legislative impacts to EECA policies and make needed recommendations.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Hermetz presented the Manager's report. He reviewed coincident peak data related to SIPC invoicing, transparency legislation and how EECA is positioned, and how the statewide organization will handle the potential legislation if passed. Mr. Hermetz also updated the Board on the latest developments of broadband initiatives, major member projects, grants, and interconnections rate schedules. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Prest and seconded by Mr. Jarrett and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **adopt Board Policy 312 Grant Funding for Projects.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Bame and seconded by Mr. Pyatt and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **approve amendments to Board Policy 109B Medical Extension.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Prest and seconded by Mr. Liefer and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **approve amendments to Board Policy 209 Vehicles.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Bame and seconded by Mr. Prest and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **approve amendments to Board Policy 404 Director Expenses.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Pyatt and seconded by Mr. Jarrett and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **approve the appointment of Directors Kevin Liefer as the voting delegate and Director Randall Campbell as the alternate delegate for the AIEC Annual Meeting in August.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Prest and seconded by Mr. Jarrett and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **approve the appointment of Director Randall Campbell as the AIEC Director from EECA and Paul Hicks as the alternate.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors entered into executive session at 11:36 AM to discuss power generation concerns and returned from executive session at 11:51 AM.

MEETINGS: The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held at the EECA Headquarters office beginning at 8:30AM on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, upon a motion and a second, and a vote taken thereof, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Date Approved: March 26, 2024

Randall Campbell, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by Roni Croxell, Communications Coordinator