

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

June 25, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 25 2024, at the Headquarters facility. The meeting was called to order at 8:26 AM by President Hicks. Present for the meeting were:

Paul Hicks, President	Shane Hermetz, GM/EVP	Casey Twomey, Attorney
Kevin Liefer, Vice President	Brooke Guthman	Elisha Sanders, Attorney
Randall Campbell, Sec.-Treasurer	Cindy Krisby	Julie Loesing
Mary Homan	Jeremy Thies	Roni Croxell
Paul Pyatt	Jennifer Nugent	
Ken Jarrett	Cheryl Bauersachs	
Kevin Bame	Brad Austin	
Rick Asaturian		
Steve Prest		

ABSENT: N/A

MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS: N/A

RECESS: The Board went into recess at 8:27 AM to allow the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund, NFP Board, to hold their meeting. The Board returned from recess at 8:32 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 (\$56.05) 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. Prest and seconded by Ms. Homan, motion carried.

AIEC and SIPC REPORTS: Mr. Liefer presented the AIEC Report, highlighting that the NRECA is encouraging cooperatives to apply for grant funding before the November election. He also mentioned several bills of interest from the 2024 Illinois General Assembly. Additionally, he provided an update on recent leadership changes at AIEC, noting that the Board elected Kevin Klein as Alternate Director to fill the unexpired term of Julia Eberlin. Discussion followed.

Mr. Liefer presented the SIPC Markets & Delivery Report, noting recent projects at SIPC and storm damage repairs. Discussion followed.

Mr. Prest presented the SIPC Power Production report. He provided updates on recent proposals and contracts, coal supply, and pond closures since SIPC Unit 4 was shut down. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hermetz summarized the reports and provided updates on ongoing and potential projects within AIEC and SIPC. This included the plan for SIPC to implement a demand response program and an overview of SIPC's financial standing for 2025. Discussion followed.

ENGINEERING\OPERATIONS REPORT: Mr. Austin presented the Engineering and Operations Report, providing updates on infrastructure projects, recent solar installations, supply chain delays, and capacity expectations for summer 2025. Discussion followed.

IT REPORT: Mr. Swisher presented the IT Report, updating the board on our systems' successful response to recent worldwide ransomware attacks. He also reported on the ongoing construction of an office and conference room and noted a recent bid increase for grading the parking lot ahead of the construction of a storage building on the EECA parking lot.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT: Ms. Guthman presented the Member Services Report. Included in the Board materials were copies of the upcoming month's Illinois Country Living center section and page 6, the employee newsletter, and the

Annual Meeting 2024 Book. She also presented the final draft of the Payment Avoidance Policy, which clarifies the process for handling members with bad debt attempting to connect service on a new account. Additionally, she provided an update on the latest developments in assisting SIPC with its Demand Response messaging. Ms. Guthman recapped the Youth to Washington Trip, including feedback from the students, and provided an update on interest from organizations in our REDLG program. Discussion followed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ms. Bauersachs presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. Total margin for May 2024 was \$266,313.49 vs budget of -\$12,486.21. Operating Revenue was \$3,505,213.03 up 2.4% from May last year at \$3,422,715.75. KWH sales were 23,447,567 up 2.1% from last May at 22,966,398. KWH purchases were 24,555,822 an increase of 3.2% from May last year at 23,790,042. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$93,634.03 lower, Distribution Expense \$142,050.61 lower, Depreciation \$18,921.49 lower, Interest Expense \$14,823.17 lower, Customer Expenses \$9,372.48 lower, Sales Expense \$4,260.88 lower, and General and Administrative Expenses were \$26,463.78 lower.

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Elisha Sanders stated that Legal counsel continues to review all EECA policies. Legal will continue to work with management to review policies and forms for updating. Legal also reported on the status of the purchase of real estate from Pinckneyville Hospital District.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Hermetz presented the Manager's report. He reviewed the preliminary findings of a Scorecard created by the Prairie Rivers Network, and ways we can offer more programs and rates for our members. He also reviewed an upcoming increase to the Power Cost Adjustment credit, SIPC's Demand Response voluntary program, and proposed policy changes to the REDLG criteria for applicants. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Prest and seconded by Mr. Jarret and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **amend Policy 309- Rural Economic Development.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Pyatt and seconded by Mr. Prest and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **appoint General Manager Shane Hermetz as the voting delegate to the upcoming NRECA Regional 5 meeting in September.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Liefer and seconded by Mr. Asaturian and a vote taken thereafter, the Board approved by majority vote to **accept the recommendation of the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund NFP Board to award a \$1,000 grant to Green Earth Inc.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors entered executive session at 11:11 AM to address governance matters. They exited executive session at 12:04 PM.

MEETINGS: The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held at the EECA Headquarters office beginning at 8:30AM on Tuesday, July 23, 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 12:05 PM.

Date Approved: July 23, 2024

Kevin Bame, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by Roni Croxell, Communications Coordinator