

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

## December 22, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday December 22, 2020 at the Headquarters facility. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Pyatt. Present in person for the meeting were:

Paul Pyatt, President  
Paul Hicks, Vice President  
Kevin Liefer, Sec.-Treasurer  
Kevin Bame  
Ken Jarrett  
Randall Campbell (Video Conference)  
Steve Prest  
Rick Asaturian

Shane Hermetz, GM/EVP  
Dennis Luehr, Staff  
Brooke Guthman, Staff  
Dennis Luehr, Staff  
Brad Austin, Staff  
Bart Swisher, Staff

Elisha Sanders, Attorney (VideoConf)  
Kay Taylor, Staff (Video Conference)  
Art Pontow, Staff (Video Conference)  
Cheryl Bauersachs, Staff (VideoConf)

Absent: N/A

**MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS:** No members or guests were in attendance today.

The **CONSENT AGENDA**, consisting of the consideration of prior month's board meeting minutes, review the list of checks written during the prior month (the EVP/GM expenses were reviewed by the Secretary/Treasurer), the prior month's treasurer's report, capital credit estate refunds (\$10,483.53) for the month, the AIEC report, the NRECA report, the CRC report, the CFC banking report, the right of way report, the EECA safety report, the EECA Strategic Scorecard, the regulatory report, and the outage report were approved on a motion by Mr. Jarrett and seconded by Mr. Liefer, motion carried.

**SIPC DIRECTOR REPORTS:** The SIPC report on Electric Systems was given by Mr. Liefer. Mr. Liefer discussed the current electric systems projects, requests for system interconnections, and the various transmission system projects at SIPC. Discussion followed. The SIPC report on Power Production was given by Mr. Pyatt. Mr. Pyatt discussed the status of fuels, fuel markets, regulatory compliance, and electricity production. He also discussed the status of Emery pond. Discussion followed. The SIPC report on Admin and Finance was given by Mr. Jarrett. Mr. Jarrett reviewed current finances for the month and year to date. Discussion followed. Mr. Hermetz discussed the upcoming discussion with SIPC Manager, Mr. Don Gulley. Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve this report by Mr. Prest seconded by Mr. Asaturian, motion carried.

**ENGINEERING\OPERATIONS REPORT:** Mr. Austin presented the Engineering and Operations Report. A current listing of members requesting an interconnection of a solar panel was shared in the Board materials. Mr. Austin updated the Board on the status of the electric metering system, the proposed Casino at Walkers Bluff and road work associated with the project. He also discussed recent construction projects happening around the system. Discussion followed.

**IT REPORT:** Mr. Swisher presented the IT report. He updated the Board on the upcoming hardware replacement for the billing and accounting system. He also discussed recent cyber security events in the state and around the nation. Discussion followed.

**MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:** Mrs. Guthman presented the Member Services Report. Copies of the upcoming month's Illinois Country Living center section and Page 11 ad were presented in the Board materials. Mrs. Guthman updated the Board on the REDLG projects, the Classroom Grant program, the status of kiosks and credit card payment systems, and an update of the new billing format project. She also presented detailed information regarding the membership satisfaction survey and the Employee survey. Discussion followed.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Dennis Luehr presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. Total margin for November 2020 was \$863,917.40 vs budget of \$87,083.19. Operating Revenue was \$3,889,930.34 up 7.8% from November last year at \$3,608,379.76. KWH sales were 24,021,603 down 13.83% from last November at 27,876,115. KWH purchases were 24,744,110 a decrease of 16.95% from November last year at 29,795,935. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$397,876.22 lower, Distribution Expense \$37,994.37 lower, Depreciation \$5,217.92 lower, Interest Expense \$39,692.34 lower, Customer Expenses \$239.02

lower, Sales Expense \$1,436.26 lower, and General and Administrative Expenses were \$25,200.63 lower. Mr. Luehr updated the Board on the projected year end finances and the decision to hire an additional service representative in January. Discussion followed.

**LEGAL REPORT:** Attorney Elisha Sanders reported that all is well, nothing new to update the Board on for the month.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Hermetz presented the Manager's report. Items of correspondence, along with questions from last meeting were discussed, and member compliments/complaints were shared. Mr. Hermetz discussed the rate schedules and presented information on amending Schedules A, B, C, LP-1, LP-2, and LP-3. Discussion followed. He distributed the annual Conflict of Interest statements, requesting Directors to update their information and to return by next meeting. Discussion followed. Upon a motion by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Jarrett, the General Manager's report was approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Liefer discussed the Illinois Cooperative Workers Compensation Group meeting held on December 16, 2020. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pyatt, Mr. Prest, Mr. Jarrett, and Mr. Hicks discussed the minutes of the Bylaws committee meeting held on December 9, 2020. Discussion followed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Liefer, seconded by Mr. Bame, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to approve the changes to Rate Schedules A, B, C, LP-1, LP-2, and LP-3, effective January 2021 billing and to approve the rate decrease to Rate Schedules A, B, C, LP-1, LP-2, and LP-3, effective April 2021 billing.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Prest, seconded by Mr. Bame, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to accept the resignation of Director Larry Ebers, effective November 24, 2020.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Jarrett, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to adopt a Board resolution of appreciation, recognizing Director Larry Ebers for his years of dedicated service to the members of Egyptian Electric.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Prest, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to confirm Paul Pyatt as the NRECA voting delegate and Kevin Liefer and the Alternate NRECA voting delegate for 2021.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Bame, seconded by Mr. Asaturian, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to confirm Paul Pyatt as the NRTC voting delegate and Kevin Liefer and the Alternate NRTC voting delegate for 2021.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Liefer, seconded by Mr. Campbell, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to allow the General Manager to execute paperwork associated with the SIPC Wholesale Power Contract, waiving the time notice associated with the expected Rate Adjustment effective January 2021.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** N/A

**MEETINGS:** The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held at the EECA Headquarters office beginning at 8:30AM on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Date Approved: January 26, 2021

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Kevin Liefer, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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Recorded by Shane Hermetz, EVP/GM