

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

September 28, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at the Headquarters facility. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Pyatt. Present for the meeting were:

Paul Pyatt, President
Paul Hicks, Vice President
Kevin Liefer, Sec.-Treasurer
Kevin Bame
Rick Asaturian
Ken Jarrett
Steve Prest – present via ZOOM
Randall Campbell
Mary Jo Homan

Shane Hermetz, GM/EVP
Casey Twomey, Attorney
Brooke Guthman, Staff
Dennis Luehr, Staff
Bart Swisher, Staff

Elisha Sanders, Attorney
Cheryl Bauersachs, Staff
Julie Loesing, Staff
Kay Taylor, Staff

Absent: None

MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS: N/A

The **CONSENT AGENDA**, consisting of the consideration of prior month's board meeting minutes, review of 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 (\$13031.18) for the month, the AIEC report, the NRECA report, the CRC report, the CFC report, the right of way report, the EECA safety report, the EECA Strategic Scorecard, the regulatory report, the Power Cost Adjustment report, the Equity Analysis report, and the outage report were approved on a motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mrs. Homan, motion carried.

SIPC DIRECTOR REPORTS: The SIPC report on Electric Systems was given by Mr. Liefer. Mr. Liefer discussed the current electric systems and transmission-level projects. The SIPC report on Power Production was given by Mr. Pyatt. Mr. Pyatt discussed current and pending regulatory compliance concerns, along with the status of power production at the Marion and Prairie State power plants. 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 provided information on how the SIPC updated Load Shedding plan would impact EECA members. Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve these reports by Mr. Asaturian and seconded by Mr. Bame, motion carried.

ENGINEERING\OPERATIONS REPORT: Mr. Hermetz presented the Engineering and Operations Report. A current listing of members requesting an interconnection of co-generation was shared in the Board materials. Mr. Hermetz updated the Board on the status of various construction projects in the area. Discussion followed.

IT REPORT: Mr. Swisher presented the IT report. He informed the Board of updates to the NISC system along with updates to various other computer systems. Discussion followed.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT: Mrs. Guthman presented the Member Services Report. Copies of the upcoming month's Illinois Country Living center section, the employee newsletter, and the ICL Page 11 ad were presented in the Board materials. Mrs. Guthman discussed the upcoming changes to billing cycles, communications with membership regarding the cycle changes, Operation RoundUP communications with the membership, and other activities related to the Front Office. Discussion followed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Bauersachs presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. She updated the Board on current month and year to date finances. She reported that Total margin for August 2021 was \$209,248.58 vs budget of \$267,830.14. Operating Revenue was \$3,681,651.91 up 4.13% from August last year at \$3,535,794.06. KWH sales were 29,373,066 up 9.8% from last August at 26,752,366. KWH purchases were 31,210,984 an increase of 13.88% from August last year at 27,406,656. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$288,532.04 higher, Distribution Expense \$119,733.07 higher, Depreciation \$15,284.56 lower, Interest Expense \$19,850.65 lower, Customer Expenses \$3,110.72 higher, Sales Expense \$1,671.35 lower, and

General and Administrative Expenses were \$9,196.12 lower. Discussion followed. Dennis Luehr updated the Board on the Cooperative's equity position, and cash flow. Discussion followed.

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Elisha Sanders reported that she, along with Attorney Mrs. Casey Twomey, attended an upcoming NRECA training seminar regarding pole attachments and Broadband. Discussion followed.

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 updated the Board on a project covered by a non-Disclosure agreement, discussing how the Cooperative will manage risk associated with the project. Discussion followed. He updated the Board on discussions with local Telephone Cooperatives regarding possible partnerships to help get members high speed internet service. Discussion followed. He discussed possible partnerships with local community leaders and businesses to enhance beneficial electrification in the local area, including assisting SIU-C in a grant proposal for electric grid enhancements. Discussion followed. Upon a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jarrett, the General Manager's report was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bame, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed **to amend Board policy 413, Electronic Meetings.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Jarrett, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed **to approve the 2022 EECA Board of Directors meeting schedule.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Liefer, seconded by Mr. Asaturian, and a vote taken thereon, it was unanimously agreed upon **to set the date for the 2022 Nominating Committee meeting as Tuesday, May 17, 2022; 6PM.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered executive session at 8:55 AM. They returned to regular session at 9:08 AM. The Board again entered executive session at 10:43 AM. They returned to regular session at 11:12 AM.

MEETINGS: The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held at the EECA Headquarters office beginning at 8:30AM on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM.

Date Approved: October 26, 2021

Kevin Liefer, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by Shane Hermetz, EVP/GM