

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

## May 30, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at the Headquarters facility. The meeting was called to order at 8:21 AM by President Hicks. Present for the meeting were:

Paul Hicks, President	Shane Hermetz, GM/EVP	Elisha Sanders, Attorney
Kevin Liefer, Vice President	Brad Austin	Cindy Krisby
Rick Asaturian	Bart Swisher	Julie Loesing
Mary Jo Homan	Jennifer Nugent	Jeremy Theis
Paul Pyatt		
Ken Jarrett		
Steve Prest		
Kevin Bame		

Absent: Randall Campbell, Sec.-Treasurer

### **MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS:** N/A

**RECESS:** The Board went into recess at 8:21 AM to allow the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund, NFP Board to hold their meeting. The Board returned from recess at 8:22 AM.

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 (\$3309.25) for the month, 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. Prest and seconded by Mr. Jarrett, motion carried.

**AIEC and SIPC REPORTS:** Mr. Prest gave the AIEC report, sharing an update on the AIEC budget for the upcoming year and shared information regarding the upcoming AIEC Annual meeting. Discussion Followed. Mr. Liefer gave the SIPC Power Delivery report, Mr. Pyatt gave the SIPC Power Production report, and Mr. Jarrett gave the AIEC Admin/Finance report. Discussion followed. Mr. Hermetz added details to the SIPC report, discussing the recent EPA ruling and the recent MISO resource auction. Discussion followed.

**ENGINEERING\OPERATIONS REPORT:** Mr. Austin presented the Engineering and Operations Report. Mr. Austin updated the Board on new and ongoing construction projects, provided updates regarding supply chain concerns, and provided an update on system interconnections and electric vehicle adoptions. Discussion followed.

**IT REPORT:** Mr. Swisher presented the IT report. Mr. Swisher presented information regarding cybersecurity and provided an update on the shared services agreement with a neighboring cooperative. Discussion followed.

**MEMBER SERVICES REPORT:** Ms. Loesing 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. Ms. Loesing discussed the recent 'Coffee with the Cooperative' meeting, the "How to Read your Bill" insert, the annual meeting, the annual meeting scholarships, and proved an update on our Youth to Washington participants. Discussion followed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mrs. Krisby presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. She shared a recap for the monthly finances, reporting that total margin for April 2023 was \$168,525.95 vs budget of (\$31,707.91). Operating Revenue was \$3,230,973.70 up 11.2% from April last year at \$2,906,299.02. KWH sales were 21,268,422 down 2.9% from last April at 21,900,800. KWH purchases were 22,007,110 a decrease of 3.6% from April last year at 22,834,072. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$149,389.32 lower, Distribution Expense \$35,816.98 lower, Depreciation \$8,485.56 lower, Interest Expense \$11,706.53 higher,

Customer Expenses \$923.76 higher, Sales Expense \$2,801.85 lower, and General and Administrative Expenses were \$6,988.75 higher. Discussion followed.

**LEGAL REPORT:** Attorney Elisha Sanders discussed the work pertaining to retirement of unclaimed capital credits. 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 discussed the continued inflationary pressures on rates, he discussed the recent Nominating Committee meeting, and discussed multiple projects that the management team are involved in. Discussion followed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Upon a motion by Mr. Prest, seconded by Mr. Asaturian, and a vote taken thereon, it was agreed upon by majority vote **to approve the DeSoto Franchise Agreement.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Liefer, seconded by Mr. Jarrett, and a vote taken thereon, it was agreed upon by majority vote **to approve board policy 232 – Electric Vehicle Charging.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Pyatt, seconded by Mr. Prest, and a vote taken thereon, it was agreed upon by majority vote to approve **board policy 233 – Employee Education.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Liefer, seconded by Mr. Jarrett, and a vote taken thereon, it was agreed upon by majority vote to amend **board policy 408 – Records Retention.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Bame, seconded by Mr. Pyatt, and a vote taken thereon, it was agreed upon by majority vote **to amend the 2023 budget, allowing for the purchase of a small bucket truck, adding \$185,793 plus tax, title, and license fees to the FY2023 budget.**

**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, June 27, 2023. 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 11:33 AM.

Date Approved: June 27, 2023

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Randall Campbell, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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Recorded by Shane Hermetz, EVP/GM