

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

July 25, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at the Headquarters facility. The meeting was called to order at 8:25 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
Randall Campbell, Sec.-Treasurer	Travis Deterding	Julie Loesing
Mary Jo Homan	Jennifer Nugent	Jeremy Theis
Paul Pyatt	Brooke Guthman	Roni Croxell
Ken Jarrett	Cheryl Bauersachs	
Steve Prest		
Rick Asaturian		

Absent: Kevin Bame

MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS: N/A

RECESS: The Board went into recess at 8:26 AM to allow the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund, NFP Board to hold their meeting. The Board returned from recess at 8:27 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 (\$1796.21) 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. Prest noted that no AIEC meeting occurred in July and did not give a report. Mr. Hermetz gave the SIPC report, explaining that sales are down and expenses are down. He added that the annual strategic planning meeting had occurred the week prior and that cooperative leaders discussed potential future energy sources and power supply challenges to expect in the next 10-25 years. Discussion followed.

ENGINEERING\OPERATIONS REPORT: Mr. Austin presented the Engineering and Operations Report. Mr. Austin updated the Board on new and ongoing construction projects, including a new load in Red Bud and renewable natural gas at the landfill. Mr. Austin also provided an update on supply chain issues and MISO, adding that rolling blackouts were a possibility due to stress on the system in the summer months. Discussion followed.

IT REPORT: Mr. Swisher presented the IT report, presenting information on recent worldwide cyber-attacks, and provided an update on day-to-day IT upgrades and issues at the cooperative. 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 6 ad were presented in the Board materials. Mrs. Guthman discussed that EECA is developing messaging to communicate the potential of and possible implementation of rolling blackouts to members. Mrs. Guthman also provided updates on REDLG, and economic development initiatives, such as the Jackson Growth Alliance's mission of securing land for a Jackson County Industrial Park. Discussion followed.

The Board then discussed the annual meeting, providing feedback and suggestions for next year's meeting. Suggestions included: improving the quality of chairs, sending postcard invites, and increasing the bill credit to \$40 or \$50.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Bauersachs presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. She shared a recap for the monthly finances, reporting that total margin for June 2023 was \$291,194.94 vs budget of

(\$23,774.41). Operating Revenue was \$3,864,084.06, up 11.2% from June last year at \$3,475,133.69. KWH sales were 26,549,192 down 2.7% from last June at 27,294,738. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$92,189.42 lower, Distribution Expense \$37,580.57 lower, Depreciation \$8,853.77 lower, Interest Expense \$5,021.25 higher, Customer Expenses \$5,028.49 lower, Sales Expense \$6,045.90 higher, and General and Administrative Expenses were \$72,954.36 lower.

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Elisha Sanders discussed the recent legal seminar she and Mrs. Twomey attended and will plan to incorporate their takeaways in their review of cooperative policy.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Hermetz presented the Manager's report. He updated the Board on local sustainability projects, EECA's plans to add chargers at the SI Airport/SIU Transportation Education Center, and offered details into the questions he received following the Annual Meeting. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve Mr. Prest as Region 5 voting delegate and Mr. Pyatt as Region 5 voting alternate delegate. Mr. Jarrett seconded. Motion passed with majority vote.

Mr. Liefer made a motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting minutes from July 13, 2023. Mr. Jarret seconded the motion, which passed by majority vote.

Mr. Pyatt made a motion requesting a Resolution of Appreciation for employees who provided mutual aid to other cooperatives following recent severe storms. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors entered into executive session at 11:27 AM to discuss matters concerning area electric cooperatives and returned from executive session at 11:59 AM.

MEETINGS: The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held at the EECA Headquarters office beginning at 8:30AM on Tuesday, August 29, 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 12:00 PM.

Date Approved: August 29, 2023

Randall Campbell, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by Shane Hermetz, EVP/GM