

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

June 27, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 27, 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	Casey Twomey, 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	Cheryl Bauersachs
Ken Jarrett		
Steve Prest		
Kevin Bame		
Rick Asaturian		

Absent:

MEMBER and GUEST COMMENTS: N/A

RECESS: The Board went into recess at 8:23 AM to allow the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund, NFP Board to hold their meeting. The Board returned from recess at 8:24 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 (\$1698.90) for the month, the vegetation management report, the EECA safety report, the EECA Strategic Scorecard, the regulatory report, the Equity Analysis report, and the outage report were approved on a motion by Mr. Jarrett and seconded by Mr. Liefer, motion carried.

AIEC and SIPC REPORTS: Mr. Prest gave the AIEC report, sharing an update on activities at the end of the Spring legislative session and an update on the Illinois Youth to Washington program. Discussion Followed. Mr. Hermetz gave the SIPC report, discussing activities from the SIPC committees and briefly discussed rate pressures at SIPC. 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 MISO for the upcoming summer season. Discussion followed. Mr. Deterding presented a report detailing the EECA plan to incorporate the use of pollinator plots in its vegetation management plan. Discussion followed.

IT REPORT: Mrs. Nugent presented the IT report, presenting information recent worldwide cyber-attacks and provided an update on day to day IT 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 11 ad were presented in the Board materials. Mrs. Guthman discussed work regarding the streamlining of capital credit payouts, the upcoming annual meeting, and provided an update on our Youth to Washington participants. Discussion followed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Bauersachs presented the Human Resources and Finance Report. She shared a recap for the monthly finances, reporting that total margin for May 2023 was \$291,565.40 vs budget of (\$73,228.16). Operating Revenue was \$3,422,715.75 up 13.1% from May last year at \$3,025,757.29. KWH sales were 22,966,398 down 0.9% from last May at 23,176,346. KWH purchases were 23,790,042 a decrease of 1.5%

from May last year at 24,146,884. Variance of Major Costs from budget was Power Cost \$173,859.00 lower, Distribution Expense \$58,306.25 lower, Depreciation \$8,824.42 lower, Interest Expense \$2,277.29 higher, Customer Expenses \$5,975.45 lower, Sales Expense \$5,061.28 lower, and General and Administrative Expenses were \$30,702.15 lower Discussion followed.

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Casey Twomey discussed the process of reviewing cooperative policy with the management team. 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, the upcoming annual meeting, and multiple projects that the management team are involved in. Discussion followed. Mr. Hermetz discussed the upcoming NRECA Region 5 meeting in September. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

N/A

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, July 25, 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 11:17 AM.

Date Approved: July 25, 2023

Randall Campbell, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by Shane Hermetz, EVP/GM