

MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 31, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation was held at the office of the Cooperative in Brownsville, Tennessee, on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.

All the Directors were present. Also present were Kevin Murphy, Sean Joyner, Scott Sims, Matt Wood, Shawn Lillie, and Anna Jackson.

Robert Kendrick, Chairman, presided over the meeting.

Anna Jackson kept the minutes of the meeting.

Greg Jones led the room in prayer via audio recording and Kevin Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began with a motion by Robert Kendrick, seconded by Jackie Butler, to adopt the agenda.

Sean Joyner presented the Board with an addendum to the new safety manual that was approved in August. This addendum was concerning the guidelines for the use of riding in aerial buckets to ensure the safety of all employees while performing job-related tasks. Upon motion by David Kinney, seconded by Tim Hanks, the addendum was approved.

Matt Wood, auditor from Alexander Thompson Arnold, LLC, presented the final audit report for FY 2023. Upon motion by Jackie Butler, seconded by Allan Ferguson, the FY 2023 Audit Report was approved.

Next, Scott Sims proposed a .375% interest rate on deposits. A survey of current interest rates at five different banks was conducted and presented to the Board to follow the deposits policy 21-1. Upon motion by Teri Robinson, seconded by Tim Hanks, the .375% interest rate on deposits was approved.

Next, Kevin Murphy spoke with the Board about a resolution on TECA voting delegates. Upon motion by David McDaniel, seconded by Allan Ferguson, the Board chose Kevin Murphy to be the delegate for STEMC.

Murphy also discussed the acquisition of Covington Electric with the Board. Upon motion by David McDaniel, seconded by David Kinney, the Board approved for Kevin Murphy to move forward with further discussions on the acquisition of Covington Electric.

The Board next discussed the Consent Agenda and upon motion of Audrey Blue, seconded by Marilyn Means, the September minutes were approved, the November write-offs in the amount of \$5,157.96 were approved, and the vendor payment list and the comparative statement were reviewed and discussed. The President reported a positive margin of \$2,016,100.46.

Lastly, the current events were discussed. The International Rodeo results were presented; operations are working on reconductoring projects; EV chargers are operational; Aeneas has over 18,000 customers; and three grants have been submitted to the state. Also, upon motion by Teri Robinson, seconded by David Kinney, the December board meeting will be moved to Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 8:30 after a breakfast provided by the fiber group.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Tim Hanks, seconded by Brad Franks, the meeting was duly and regularly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Chairman