

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
NORTHCENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

The July 31, 2024 meeting was held pursuant to the Bylaws. Directors Don Dickerson, Patty Griffin, Ricky Jones, Phil Lachaussee, Julie Niblett, Tony Taylor, Morris Thompson, and Pat Woods were present. Also present were Kevin Doddridge, CEO/General Manager, Attorney Chris Latimer, and Staff.

President Pat Woods determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

CEO, General Manager Kevin Doddridge gave the invocation.

LISTENING SESSION: None.

Director Julie Niblett moved to approve the July 31, 2024 Agenda, seconded by Director Tony Taylor, and passed unanimously.

Director Morris Thompson moved to approve the June 2024 Board Minutes, seconded by Director Don Dickerson, and passed unanimously.

Director Tony Taylor moved, seconded by Director Phil Lachaussee, to approve new and terminated members for June 2024. The Board unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Chris Latimer updated the Board on assistance provided to staff member Larry Johnson regarding a pole attachment agreement with Brightspeed; assistance provided to staff member JD Cox on a Release, Waiver, and Indemnification Agreement in connection with potential donation of equipment to Northwest MS Community College; and continued work on the Bylaws with Kevin Doddridge while awaiting updated NRECA guidelines.

Director Ricky Jones joined the meeting.

Staff members gave reports to the Board related to engineering and operations, line construction, marketing and business development, safety, finance and administration, and management. The Board received the updates with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Morris Thompson moved, seconded by Director Don Dickerson, to approve the Right of Way contract with Dogwood for the Byhalia area for \$1.25M. The Board unanimously approved.

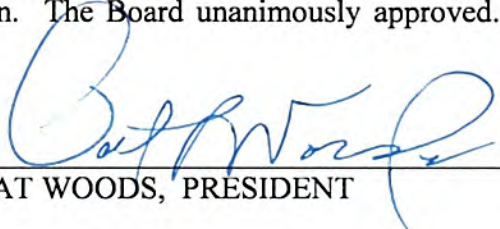
Director Ricky Jones moved, seconded by Director Phil Lachaussee, to approve the purchase of a Digger Derrick truck in the amount of \$298,287. The Board unanimously approved.

Director Tony Taylor moved, seconded by Director Julie Niblett, to approve the disposal of a 2011 Chevrolet truck and a 2015 Ford truck. The Board unanimously approved.

Director Don Dickerson moved, seconded by Director Ricky Jones, to approve the donation and equipment release of a 2007 Digger Derrick truck to Northwest MS Community College's Lineman School. The Board unanimously approved.

Director Tony Taylor moved, seconded by Director Julie Niblett, to approve the 2025 Fiscal Budget as presented. The Board unanimously approved.

President Pat Woods declared no further business. Director Morris Thompson moved, seconded by Director Tony Taylor, to adjourn. The Board unanimously approved. President Woods declared the meeting adjourned.



PAT WOODS, PRESIDENT



DON DICKERSON, SECRETARY

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

July 31, 2024

Noon

- 1) Call to order by President
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Listening Session (if needed)
- *4) Approve Board Meeting Agenda
- *5) Approve Minutes of the June 2024 Board Meeting
- *6) Approve New and Terminated Members for June 2024
- 7) Attorneys Report
- 8) Staff Reports
 - A. Safety Report
 - B. Engineering/Operations Report
 - C. Line Construction Report
 - D. Marketing and Business Development Report
 - E. Administrative Report
 - F. Manager's Report
- 9) Old Business
- 10) New Business:
 - *A. Approve ROW Contract
 - *B. Approve Equipment Purchase
 - *C. Approve Equipment Disposal
 - *D. Approve Donation of Used Equipment to NWMCC Lineman School
 - *E. Approve Fiscal 2025 Budget
- 11) Items of Mutual concern

