

CHARITON VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2025

A meeting of the Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) Board of Directors was called to order at the Cooperative office in Albia, Iowa, on February 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., by President Kenny Vandenberg.

Secretary Norm Major reported that all directors were present in person, except Jerry Durian, who was absent. Other attendees included General Manager Troy Amoss, Finance Manager Trudy Grade, Human Resources Coordinator/Administrative Assistant Ashley Duley, Line Superintendent Jared Shaw and Communications Coordinator/Executive Assistant Anna See. Attorney Dennis L. Puckett of Sullivan & Ward, P.C. participated remotely.

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda items. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda, the January 29, 2025, regular business meeting minutes and the January 2025 New Member List.

SEE ATTACHED MEMBER LIST

Human Resources Report

The board packet included a Human Resources Report. Human Resources Coordinator/Administrative Assistant Ashley Duley offered to answer any questions regarding the report. She provided an overview of rebates and upcoming training. A question was asked about the energy audits, and Director Brown shared positive results from the audit conducted at her property.

Operations Report

Line Superintendent Jared Shaw presented the Operations Report, noting that tree trimming had begun in the Trail Substation area. He also provided an update on pole change-outs. General Manager Troy Amoss offered additional comments on the ongoing work.

Safety Report

The board reviewed the Safety Report and accompanying statistics included in the board packet. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the January 2025 Safety Report as presented.

Member Communications and Engagement Report

The board packet included a written report from Anna See, Communications Coordinator/Executive Assistant. Anna provided updates on the infographics included in the board packet each month and reported on director training and meetings.

She shared details about a Northeast Power-sponsored tour of the Thomas Hill Energy Center on March 18 and the Northeast Power Annual Meeting on April 3. She also noted that Youth Tour applications had been submitted, with interviews currently underway. Scholarship applications have started to come in, with a deadline of March 31, 2025.

The Annual Meeting gift had arrived and was presented to the board. The board also reviewed Operation Round Up donations made in the last quarter. Additionally, the executive committee and board appointments for the Foundation Board were noted.

IT/Cyber Security Report

The Board reviewed a written report from Network Administrator Nathan Norton on IT updates, which was included in the board packet. It was noted that Chelsea Nicholson, Network Technician, was available to attend the meeting if there were any questions, though none were raised.

Finance Report

Finance Manager Trudy Grade presented the financial report, covering the following items:

- a) Financial Statements – December 2024 – Trudy reviewed the December 2024 financial statements, noting that December was a strong month and that all financial covenants met lender requirements for the year. Year-end margins exceeded the budget by approximately 4.4%. She also discussed the Northeast Power patronage and provided an update on the ongoing audit of the 2024 financial statements.

The MDSC ratio of 1.4 was reviewed, with policy stating that the ratio should remain between 1.5 and 2.0. A question was raised regarding the need for policy change. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the December 2024 financial statements as presented.

- b) Financial Statements – January 2025 – The board packet included financial statements for January 2025, which Finance Manager Trudy Grade reviewed. The Cooperative reported approximately \$244,000 in margins for the month. Trudy noted that, while this is a positive start, it represents just one month of the year, making it too early to draw conclusions about overall financial performance. She offered to answer any questions.

Following discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to approve the January 2025 financial statements as presented.

- c) Check Register – The board packet included a check register for checks starting with number 60149 and extending through check number 60212. Trudy Grade offered to answer any questions regarding the check payments.
- d) Credit Cards – The board reviewed the credit card expenses for the month of January, including both the Cooperative's credit card and CEO/GM expenses. Following the review, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Cooperative's credit card and CEO/GM expenses as presented.

CEO/General Manager Report – CEO/General Manager Amoss presented his report on January 2025 activities. He reviewed the reliability report, noting an increase in the number of outages due to two larger ITC Midwest transmission system outages.

He also discussed communications regarding the rate increase, with the letter being sent out on February 27, 2025. He provided an update on the recent safety meeting, indicating that no safety suggestions were made during the meeting.

The Cooperative is looking to sell Truck #10 through Purple Wave Auction, with no bids received yet. The deadline for bids is March 13, 2025. He reported on community solar legislation recently introduced in the Iowa legislature, and Attorney Puckett also provided comments on the matter.

Letters to campgrounds on the Cooperative's system will be sent out on March 1, reminding them of the restriction on marking up any electric charges to campground guests. The large load statistics and Associated Electric's generation mix were also reviewed.

A question was asked about the difference between kWh purchased and kWh sold, and an explanation of line losses was provided.

Following the CEO/General Manager's report, Ashley Duley and Jared Shaw left the meeting.

Old or Unfinished Business

The Chairman asked if there was any old or unfinished business, and there was none to discuss.

New Business

- a) Board Expense Report – The Board Expense Report was reviewed. Following the review, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the report as presented.
- b) NRECA Legislative Conference – It was noted that the NRECA Legislative Conference will be held from April 27-30, 2025. Those interested in attending were identified.

Executive Session

At this time, the Chairman recessed the meeting into executive session. All Directors, CEO Amoss, Finance Manager Trudy Grade and Communications Coordinator/Executive Assistant Anna See participated in the executive session. Attorney Puckett also participated remotely, joined by Attorney Drew Carlson, who updated the board on the collection actions against Camp365.

The executive session concluded at 2:32 p.m. and the meeting resumed in regular session.

Director Reports

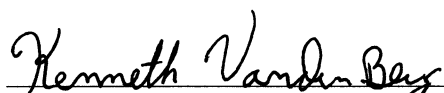
Richard Welsh reported on Northeast Power and discussed budget matters. It was noted that the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives' Directors' Update was held, and those who attended provided comments on the meeting.

Meeting Dates/Calendar of Events

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2025. The schedule of dates for board meetings was reviewed. The start time will move to 5:00 p.m. beginning in May, but the consensus was to maintain the 1:00 p.m. start time. It was noted that the September meeting date conflicts with the NRECA Region V Meeting, and the consensus was to move the September board meeting to September 30, 2025.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.


Kenneth VandenBerg, President


Norm Major, Secretary