

From the WCE boardroom

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held Dec. 18, 2025

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 18, 2025, pursuant to the bylaws of the cooperative and previous resolution of the board of directors. The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen Jr. Attorney Sheri Smiley caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Allen Jr., Clark Bredehoeft, Richard Strobel, Dale Jarman, Robert Simmons, Stan Rhodes, Jeremy Ahmann Colby Dowell and Elizabeth Houtsma (by phone). Also present was General Manager Michael Newland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting on Nov. 25, 2025; expenditures for the month of November 2025; new membership applications and membership terminations, and the treasurer's report.

FINANCING AND TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Rebecca Hoeflicker presented the November 2025 operating report (RUS Form 7) and comparative operating statement. She reviewed the financial and statistical report and treasurer's report with monthly and annual budget comparisons. She also gave the investment report. She presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios. She reported on interest rates, the impact of large loads on the budget and projections for December. She gave updated budget numbers. She reviewed investments. New services connected were reported on. The RUS loan has been approved. She reported property taxes paid by the co-op will exceed \$1 million. The financial reports were accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

The following staff reports were approved:

Operations Report

Operations Manager Scott Gard provided an oral report to supplement his written operations report. He reported on crews, pole change outs, banners installed at the veteran's home, regulator inspections, the new Holden Rural Substation and the snowball drop in Holden. He gave numbers of outages and causes for the month. He gave a mechanic and fleet report. A brush crew and right-of-way report was given and spraying bids are coming in. He reported on a business that was broken into and the thieves removed the business's meters.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided an oral report to supplement his written safety and engineering Report. As of Nov. 30, 2025, employees have worked 1,124 days without a lost-time accident. Co-op employees drove a total of 29,051 miles as of the end of November without a serious accident. He reported on safety meetings, staffing, crew visits, and gave an engineering/staking department report. He also gave an update on Lone Jack, work being done on subdivisions and projected new services.

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided a written member services report. He provided updates on Operation RoundUp, the communication department activities



including Youth Tour presentations, the website and publications. Net metered solar systems and rebates were reported on. Vanilla Direct cash payments were reported on. Chamber meetings attended were reported on. School reality checks were participated in and discussed. The electronic handbook and bill re-design were discussed. PCI compliance on credit cards was reported on.

Policy 5.6

Newland presented changes to Policy 5.6, which was reviewed by the Policy Committee and passed by the board.

Appoint NRECA Voting Delegate and Alternate

Newland was appointed as the delegate and Simmons as the alternate.

Appoint NRTC Voting Delegate and Alternate

Simmons was appointed as the delegate and Newland as the alternate.

AMEC REPORT

Bredehoeft gave an update on the December meeting he attended. He provided department reports in the board packets. Pole attachments were discussed. An AECl report was given and data centers were discussed. Upcoming conferences and meetings were reported on.

NW BOARD REPORT

Simmons and Newland gave the NW Board report. They reported on deferred revenue, Lone Jack, and gave an AECl update. Work orders were also discussed.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley gave the legal report for the month.

MANAGERS REPORT

Newland gave the manager's report. He had provided a written report to the board prior to the meeting. He discussed the cost of service study and rates. He provided options for rate increases. The board consensus was to have the rate increase reviewed further and brought back to the board. He reported on the AECl manager meeting he attended and discussed equity. Advertising and marketing in Lone Jack were discussed. The board retreat agenda was provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was called at 11:23 a.m. and was out at 11:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2025 Statement of Operations

	This month	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Revenue	\$2,953,015	\$38,481,843	\$33,726,176
Power Bill Expense	2,146,584	23,767,204	20,712,174
Operation & Maintenance Expense	670,252	8,322,276	7,917,191
Depreciation Expense	223,379	2,411,758	2,315,535
Interest Expense	<u>132,580</u>	<u>1,514,814</u>	<u>1,463,358</u>
Total cost of Service (Total Expenses)	3,172,795	36,016,052	32,408,258
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(219,780)	2,465,791	1,317,918
Other Margins	<u>17,443</u>	<u>444,938</u>	<u>315,226</u>
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(202,337)	\$2,910,729	\$1,633,144