

SKRECC Receives Clean Opinion on 2023 Independent Audit

John Hill, CPA with Cherry Bekaert Advisory, LLC addressed the Board of Directors during the May 21st board meeting. Mr. Hill reported that the audit went very well and resulted in a clean opinion, commenting that the audit team received excellent cooperation from staff and management.

Hill discussed the financial statements pointing out highlights and differences mainly due to the change in auditing company because of the acquisition of MCM, SKRECC's former auditor, by Cherry Bekaert Advisory LLC during 2023. Mr. Hill commented that the balance sheet, revenue, and cash flow totals are comparable to 2022 because of continued mild weather.

Hill further commented that there were no corrected misstatements, which should give the Board and membership confidence in the reliability of the data. There were no waived audit differences, difficulties with management, fraud, or illegal acts to report.

Chief Membership Officer Discusses Upcoming Membership Days Event

Doug Hutton, CMO, addressed the Board and outlined traffic flow plans for all SKRECC offices during Membership Days scheduled for June 11th – 13th. All offices will have three incoming traffic lanes to better serve members when visiting offices to pick up plastic buckets, LED light bulbs, and registering their vote in the director election. Radio advertising for the event will begin soon in all counties.

Mr. Hutton also reported that new payment kiosks will be installed soon in the Albany and Whitley City offices making it easier for members to make account payments on the weekends and after hours.

Epperson Re-Installed as Kentucky Electric Cooperative Director

Cathy Epperson, SKRECC Board Chairperson, was reinstalled as the representing director to the Kentucky Electric Cooperative Board for the 2024-2025 term. KEC consists of and serves 26 electric cooperatives in the state. The association also publishes Ky Living Magazine and represents coops and their members before various legislative and regulatory bodies.

Newton Discusses Positive March Financials

Kevin Newton, SKRECC President & CEO, noted that March financials were positive and ahead of budget. The cost of purchased power was lower in March than budgeted mainly due to unseasonably warmer temperatures. All debt ratios were also positive.

Newton also commented that the increased right-ofway clearing is definitely helping with outages by making it easier for crews to access the outage locations and make necessary repairs.

Board Amends Bylaws and Adopts Officer Term Limits

Effective July 1, 2025, Board of Director officer positions consisting of Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and Secretary-Treasurer will recognize term limitations of no more than three consecutive years.

Incumbent Directors shall be permitted to serve subsequent periods as an officer for the same office only after sitting out at least one full three (3)-year term.