



Hansford Recognized During Recent Board Meeting

Kevin Newton, President and CEO, recognized district three director, CV Hansford, during the regular board meeting on September 10th for completing his NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director certification.

The certification, which is required to be completed during the director's first year of serving on the board of directors, is a five-course curriculum which provides essential knowledge and skills required of cooperative directors.

Board Approves Elliot Contract Extension Through 2027

With a unanimous vote, directors approved a three-year contract extension with Davis H. Elliot Company, Inc., a contractor providing engineering, energy delivery and technical services to the utility industry.

Terms of the contract extension include a moderate first-year price increase and smaller increases for each subsequent year through 2027. Mr. Newton commented that by extending the current contract which expires in December, the co-op will only experience a moderate first-year increase which is minimal compared to what the increase could be based on inflationary costs when conducting a complete rebid for contract services.

October Regular Board Meeting Date Moved

Due to scheduling issues, the October regular monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th instead of the usual second Thursday of the month.

The meetings are not open to the public. Members interested in addressing the Board during a meeting should call the co-op to request the necessary paperwork.

CFO Discusses July Financial Numbers

Carrie Bessinger, Chief Financial Officer, reported that July's margin reflected a slightly larger loss than budgeted by \$118k. She commented that the biggest variance to budget was higher power cost due to a very hot July. This resulted in the purchase of more kilowatt hours than budgeted. Maintenance expense was higher than budgeted, which is attributed to the many small storms we experienced during July, resulting in extra repair work.

July's administrative and general expenses were lower than budgeted mainly due to a delay in union negotiations (legal fees) and savings from decreased travel/training expenses from implemented cost reduction efforts.

Mrs. Bessinger stated July financials indicate our Operating Times Interest Earned ratio, or OTIER, is closest to our minimum requirement. Our projected 2024 year-end number of 0.60 averaged with our 2022 number results in a best two out of three of 1.12 which is very close to the RUS minimum requirement of 1.10.

Board Authorizes Completion of EKPC Long Term Load Forecast

Directors voted unanimously to approve a board resolution authorizing the completion of a two-year load forecast for East Kentucky Power Cooperative. The load forecast which is updated every other year was completed with the assistance of EKPC, utilizing economic modeling software.

EKPC assists all 16 of its member co-ops in completing load forecasts which are then used to formulate East Kentucky's own load forecast. Load forecasts are used in the budgeting process to project revenue and power cost numbers.