

South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 1, 2018

Upon proper notice, the following members of the Board of Directors of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association met at 2:00 p.m. at the office of the Cooperative, Coteau Road, Houma, La., on October 1, 2018:

- Mr. Alexander Doyle, President
- Mr. David Luke, Vice-President
- Mr. Brian Rivet, Secretary
- Mr. Terry Trahan, Treasurer
- Mrs. Tracy Duval
- Mr. Eroy Acosta
- Mr. Roger Dale DeHart
- Mr. Larry J. Daigle
- Mr. J. D. Boudreaux
- Mr. Lloyd Gibson, Advisor

Also present were:

- Mr. Joseph Ticheli, General Manager
- Mr. Katheryn Richard, Attorney
- Mrs. Yolanda George, Member Services Supervisor

Mr. Doyle opened the meeting by declaring a quorum present. He then called on Mr. Gibson for the invocation and Mr. Luke for the pledge.

The minutes and summary of the regular board meeting of September 10, 2018, were approved by the board upon motion by Mr. Rivet, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux.

Mr. Ticheli noted that there was a gain of 231 meters through the end of August and requested board approval of 177 new members for the month.

The board granted its approval of the new members upon motion by Mr. Rivet, with a second by Mr. Daigle.

Following the approval of the meter gain and members for the month, Mr. Ticheli then excused Mrs. George.

The board members then went into executive session for the ALEC Report upon motion by Mr. Luke, seconded by Mr. DeHart.

The board resumed in regular session upon motion by Mr. Luke, seconded by Mr. Trahan.

The ALEC report was approved by the board upon motion by Mr. Luke, seconded by Mr. DeHart.

Mr. Ticheli began the financial report by discussing the August and September rate comparison sheets that continue to show SLECA having some of the lowest rates compared to other area utilities. He also displayed charts showing fuel cost comparisons.

Mr. Ticheli reviewed kilowatt-hour sales of 60,269,235 through the end of July with cumulative sales of 327,439,100 and 62,334,940 through the end of August with cumulative sales of 389,774,040.

Mr. Ticheli said line loss through the end of August is 5.08%.

Mr. Ticheli said cost of service was \$11,519,763 and displayed charts showing electric and total revenue versus cost per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Ticheli reported total cash of \$789,101 through the end of August and said equity as a percent of assets was 38.09% and TIER was +1.32 through the end of August.

The financial report was approved by the board upon motion by Mr. Rivet, seconded by Mr. DeHart.

Continuing with his report, Mr. Ticheli reported on the following schools and meetings:

- The next regular ALEC board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22.
- The next SLECA board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5.
- Employees Blaine Doiron and Ty Triche will attend the Module 3 Level 6-10 (Group 1) Lineman Training at ALEC October 8-12.
- Employees Josh Robinson and Thomas Goss will attend the Module 3 Level 6-10 (Group 2) Lineman Training at ALEC November 5-9.
- Employees Lenny Guillot, Ty Triche, Thomas Goss and Drake Rollins will attend the Liveline & Bucket Truck School at DEMCO in Baton Rouge October 22-26.
- SLECA employee Craig Fournier is and instructor.

Mr. Ticheli discussed rates for September that show SLECA having some of the lowest rates in the area

Mr. Ticheli told the board that the board Christmas dinner will be on Friday, December 14 at Melvin's Restaurant starting at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and at 7:00 p.m. for dinner.

Mr. Ticheli informed the board that flu shots will be administered by Houma Family Practice at the Houma office on Wednesday, October 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. He said there is no cost for those covered by NRECA as their primary insurance.

Mr. Ticheli reported the Terrebonne Parish Council asked all three local electric utilities SLECA, Entergy, and the City of Houma to attend the September 12 Council Meeting to discuss burned out street lights throughout the parish. SLECA along with the other two utilities, had street lights that were out. SLECA has approximately 4,600 street lights in Terrebonne Parish and 11,000 throughout the system. He also said, SLECA has a very aggressive street light repair program and our response time to repair them is very good as was noted by the council. Just like Entergy and the City of Houma, SLECA repairs street lights as soon as feasibly possible once they are reported to the office. Currently, there is no technology to alert when a street light is out unless someone calls to report it.

Mr. Ticheli noted that in response to Hurricane Florence SLECA, together with all but one Louisiana electric cooperative, sent a crew and equipment to Horry Electric Cooperative in South Carolina to help in its restoration effort. SLECA sent a crew consisting of eight men. The crew departed Louisiana on Friday, September 14 and were released to return home Tuesday, September 18. Horry Electric is located in Conway, South Carolina and has 75,349 consumers.

Mr. Ticheli said SLECA received a check from Gresco, in the amount of \$3,531.00 for SLECA's 2018 patronage capital.

Mr. Ticheli noted that SLECA also received a check from CoBank in the amount of \$1,561.20 for a special patronage capital payment that is in addition to the regular payment we received in March.

Mr. Ticheli requested board approval of the renewal quote for the retired employees' medical insurance which resulted in a 4.28% or \$9,033 increase.

The board approved the renewal quote upon motion by Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Daigle.

Mr. Ticheli then requested the board re-approve SLECA's \$5 million line of credit with CoBank if needed in the future.

The board re-approved the line of credit with CoBank upon motion by Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Rivet.

Finally, Mr. Ticheli requested the board approve his manager's report and expenses.

The manager's report and expenses were approved by the board upon motion by Mr. Acosta, seconded by Mr. DeHart.

During the presentation of the safety report by Mr. Ticheli, he noted that SLECA employees had no loss-time accidents, no vehicle accidents, two property and casualty claims, and one miscellaneous accident. He said employees have worked 3,617,898 hours without a loss-time accident since December, 1996.

The board approved the safety report upon motion by Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Daigle.

The board approved the attorney's report and expenses upon motion by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Acosta.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Luke.

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Brian Rivet, Secretary