# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
## March 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on the 25th day of March 2025.

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Vice Chairman Brickner.

Roll Call: Directors Fullerton, Valburg, Brickner, Tucker, Frederick, Meek, and Antoine were present. Also present was Manager Tim Grablander.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Ron Moran, Rosebud Teener League Donation Request, and West Central Article by Tucker, seconded by Frederick. Carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections by Valburg. Second by Antoine. Carried unanimously.

TUC Minutes: Motion to approve the TUC minutes by Frederick. Second by Tucker. Carried unanimously.

Bordeaux entered the meeting at 10:08 am and took over the meeting as Chairman.

Financial Report: Office Manager Colleen Farley joined the meeting and presented the financial report.

**Power Systems Engineering ("PSE") Rate Discussion:** Nick Nelson, Rate and Financial Consultant with Power Systems Engineering, presented a follow-up to the 2024 rate study through Microsoft Teams. The focus of the presentation was the options to implement the 2% rate increase approved at the February Board Meeting. PSE's recommendation was to implement the rate increase through an increase in facility charges. Cherry Todd's rate is not as much as the wholesale power increases. Future discussion may require further increases to the facility charge. Manager Grablander states that $65.00 should be Cherry Todd's facility charge going forward, which is almost double what the facility charge is now. Motion by Antoine to approve changes to the Cherry Todd's rate schedule as presented by PSE. Seconded by Brickner. Motion carried unanimously.

**Collection Policy on Electric Accounts-Policy 10.4:** Office Manager Farley and Manager Grablander discussed Policy 10.4 and changes that were suggested by the Auditors and other necessary updates based on the Board's recent decisions regarding collection fees, forfeited discounts, etc. Motion by Frederick to update Policy 10.4. Seconded by Brickner. Motion carried unanimously. Policy 10.4 and Office Manager Farley's suggested changes will be forwarded to legal for their review and approval.

**Revenue Deferral:** Motion by Tucker to defer $500,000.00 in revenue. Seconded by Meek. Motion carried unanimously.

**RUS Loan:** Cherry Todd currently has 7.2 million available on its RUS Loan. Manager Grablander recommended advancing the loan funds and investing those funds. Motion by Frederick to advance RUS Loan Funds and invest as recommended. Seconded by Brickner. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mitchell Technical Institute ("MTI") Expansion:** The Board received a donation request for $2,000.00 from MTI. This is an increase from previous years due the current expansion of the program. Motion by Frederick to donate $2,000.00 a year for five years to MTI as requested. Seconded by Valburg. Motion carried unanimously.

**Check Audit:** Meek and Fullerton presented the check audit and there were no further questions from the Board.

Manager's Report: Manager Grablander presented his report to the Board.

**Valentine Tower/Verizon Offer:** Manager Grablander presented an update on the project. Manager Grablander has had communications with the landowner, and there are concerns regarding access to the property. There may also be potential issues with zoning and FAA regulations. Manager Grablander will continue working through the issues and updating the Board.

**Rushmore Annual Meeting:** Manager Grablander and Brickner discussed with the Board the costs associated with the Rushmore Annual Meeting. The cost is $50,000.00. Kory Hammerbeck is questioning if there is a point where the cost is too high to justify the annual meeting.

**WAPA Invoice:** Manager Grablander discussed the invoice received from WAPA for the transformer change-out for the Mission Substation. Action on the invoice was tabled until the April Board meeting to allow for legal review.

**Rosebud Teener League Donation Request:** Chris Night Pipe presented a donation request to the Board for the Rosebud Teener League. The donation would help with ballfield lights. Motion to approve the donation request by Brickner, seconded by Fullerton. Motion carried unanimously.

**Electric Vehicle ("EV") Update:** There was discussion among Manager Grablander and the Board regarding the high cost of fast charging and EV in comparison to gas prices.

Staff Meeting Reports: Line Superintendent Mark Iyotte Jr. entered the meeting and presented his operations report to the Board. Iyotte Jr. presented information on a line build north of White River. Any build past 3,000 feet requires Board approval. Costs of the build and the member's aid to construction contribution were discussed. Iyotte Jr. and Manager Grablander requested that the Board review and update Policy 10-24 Line Extension Policy to reflect today's costs. Motion by Brickner to approve the line build north of White River for $50,000 cost to the Coop. Seconded by Fullerton, motion carried unanimously. Motion by Meek, seconded by Antoine, to amend all classes in Policy 10-24 Line Extension Policy to reflect true costs of construction and maintenance. Iyotte Jr. exited the meeting at the end of his report.

Member Services Manager Chris Rahn entered the meeting and presented his report. Rahn discussed the purchase of a new bucket truck to replace an older bucket truck. Brickner made a motion to give management authorization to negotiate purchase of the bucket truck. Seconded by Valburg. Motion carried unanimously. Rahn also discussed gift ideas and other updates regarding the 2025 Annual Meeting, the TUC meeting, and the DC and Basin youth tours.

**Work Orders, Membership Applications, Membership Refunds, Stock Water Wells Contracts, Etc.:** Motion by Brickner and seconded by Meek to accept the stated new memberships, cancelled memberships plus refunds of said membership fees, refund capital credits allocated on the books to heirs or legatees of deceased patrons, stock well, irrigation contracts, and work order resolutions as presented in the Board packet. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ron Moran:** Ron Moran made a request to the Board. No action was taken by the Board as this is a vehicle issue and should be handled by auto insurance.

Meeting Reports: Fullerton reported on the NRECA meeting in Atlanta, GA. Brickner reported on the Rushmore meeting.

New Business: There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

(SEAL)

Approved:

Shawn Bn[illegible]

President

Attest:

Jerry [illegible]

Secretary

CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC
IRRIGATION WELLS
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| Name & Address | Horsepower: | Annual Minimum |
|---|---|---|
| McNeil Ranch<br>Lisa Jo McNeil<br>29089 237th Ave<br>Tuthill, SD 57574<br>Location: 87-32-01 | 100 | $2,700.00 |
| McNeil Ranch<br>Lisa Jo McNeil<br>29089 237th Ave<br>Tuthill, SD 57574<br>Location: 87-32-03 | 100 | $2,700.00 |

CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS
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New Memberships:

Amber E Big Crow
PO Box 334
Saint Francis, SD 57572

Tenille F Selwyn-Blue Bird
PO Box 1377
Mission, SD 57555

Vince S Buckinghorse
PO Box 141
Rosebud, SD 57570

Duane L Fool Bull
PO Box 16
Saint Francis, SD 57572

Anjelica K Iron
PO Box 348
Saint Francis, SD 57572

Alex J Kills In Water Sr
PO Box 296
Rosebud, SD 57570

Terrell O Kills Plenty
26700 Highway 18
Mission, SD 57555

Richard J Larvie
PO Box 835
Mission, SD 57555

Christen L Pitts
3330 Spotted Tail Lane
Rosebud, SD 57570

McNeil Ranch
Lisa J McNeil
29089 237th Ave
Tuthill, SD 57574

Gloria D Sitting Bear
PO Box 45
Mission, SD 57555

Dennis D Stokebrand
PO Box 324
Mission, SD 57555

Barbara N Vesley
1324 15th Ave NE
Brainerd, MN 56401

Elizabeth E Wright
Kyle J Young
PO Box 663
Mission, SD 57555

CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CHANGES
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Membership Changes:

Jenny Rose Purisima
Joshua C Gangoso
PO Box 7
Mission, SD 57555
From single to joint

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STOCK WATER WELLS
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| Name & Address | Length of Line | Annual Minimum |
|---|---|---|
| McNeil Ranch<br>Lisa J McNeill<br>29089 237th Ave<br>Tuthill, SD 58574<br>Location: 87-31-05 | 0-1400 | $260.76 |
| McNeil Ranch<br>Lisa J McNeil<br>29089 237th Ave<br>Tuthill, SD 58574<br>Location: 87-32-02 | 0-1400 | $260.76 |
| Dustin Schmidt<br>26228 Ridgeway RD<br>White River, SD 57579<br>Location: 10-26-02 | 0-1400 | $257.64 |

CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC
ESTATE CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT
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| Name: | Total Due: | Discounted Payment: |
|---|---|---|
| Burnette, Velma V. | $1,335.80 | $654.08 |

CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC
MEMBERSHIP REFUNDS
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| To Be Refunded: | To Be Applied |
|---|---|
| | Benny Palma<br>2040 West Holt Ave<br>Pomona, CA 91768<br>Acct: 218686 |