MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 31, 2026

President Gerald “Jerry” Thurston called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members present were Kim Bakehouse, William “Bill” Littrell, Joshua Miller, Nathan Pfaff, Randall Rushing, Brittany Thomas, and Scott Ury. Staff members present were Executive Vice President/General Manager, David A. Johnston; Director of Administration and Finance, Julie Wilke; Director of Member Services, Brent Goforth; Assistant Director of Engineering-Project Manager, Nathan Hermetz; Electrical Engineer-Project Manager, Hank Stewart; and Executive Assistant, Stephanie Theis. Attorney Ron Osman was present. Toni Snell was absent.

INVOCATION

Mr. William Littrell gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Mr. Littrell and seconded by Mr. Pfaff to approve July 20, 2026, board minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Ury made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Pfaff and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

a. Memberships
b. Finance Committee Meeting
    i. Finance Committee Agenda
    ii. Finance Committee Minutes
    iii. Memberships Applied
c. Written Staff & General Manager Reports

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IFA Grid Resiliency Grant

Mr. Johnston gave an update on the IFA Grid Resiliency Grant informing the Board that the Non-Availability Waiver Application was posted for public comment.

2026 Annual Meeting

Mr. Goforth provided a summary report on the recent SIEC annual meeting.

Conexon Fiber Deployment

Mr. Johnston gave an update on the Conexon fiber deployment.

WK&T Fiber Deployment Proposal

Mr. Johnston gave an update on the WK&T fiber deployment proposal.

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Sponsorship Request

Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Wilke gave an update on the Arrowleaf Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) sponsorship request.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Five (5) Finance Committee Members-Jerry Thurston

President Thurston appointed the following to the SIEC Finance Committee – Kim Bakehouse, Joshua Miller, Nathan Pfaff, Toni Snell, and Brittany Thomas.

Appoint One (1) AIEC Board Member – Jerry Thurston

President Thurston appointed Gerald “Jerry” Thurston as the SIEC representative on the AIEC Board. President Thurston appointed William “Bill” Littrell as the alternate.

Approve 2026 Annual Meeting Date

Mr. Littrell made motion to set the 2026 Annual Meeting of Members for August 5, 2027, at Shawnee Community College. Mr. Pfaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2026-2027 Shawnee Community College Scholarships

It was moved by Mr. Ury and seconded by Mrs. Thomas to provide three (3) yearly $1,000 Scholarship Grants to three (3) Shawnee Community College students who live in households served by the Cooperative. One (1) scholarship is the Richard Moss Memorial Scholarship and two (2) are SIEC Scholarships. The grants will be $500 per semester (2) for each student awarded the scholarship grant. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Snell. Motion carried.

Christmas Gift 2026

It was moved by Mr. Littrell and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the purchase of employee Christmas gifts up to $150. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Attorney Report

Attorney Ron Osman provided a legal report.

AIEC

Mr. Thurston was absent. An AIEC report was not given.

SIPC

Mr. Johnston, President Ury, and Mr. Rushing provided SIPC reports.

General Manager & Staff

Correspondence & Miscellaneous – David A. Johnston

Mr. Johnston distributed several items of correspondence for Board Members to review.

Mr. Goforth provided the Safety report.

Mrs. Wilke presented a review of ratios in the 2025 Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA).

It was moved by Mr. Ury and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Attorney, AIEC, SIPC, and General Manager & Staff reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pfaff moved to go into the Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Littrell. Motion Carried.

Mr. Littrell moved to come out of Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pfaff. Motion carried.

President Thurston adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is Monday, August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.