

TELL CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 20, 2021

The Tell City Electric Department Board of Directors met at 4:00 P.M. All members were present. JB Land presided.

Superintendent Dixon was in attendance as was Paige Schank for the Department. Guests included Mayor Cail and Councilman Simpson.

A motion was made by Mr. Daum and seconded by Ms. Noble to approve the Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting were presented in written form. Being no corrections, Mr. Kohnert made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Poole seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Committees

Human Resources: As previously mentioned, Vicki Jacob's last day was March 31, 2021. Jolene Hubert has since taken over Mrs. Jacob's position. The Department hired Heather Cooper for the CSR position. Ms. Cooper previously worked with the TCPD Dispatch. Ms. Cooper started with TCED on April 6, 2021 and is doing well.

Financial Matters: The Financial Reports, Working Fund Report, Liquidity Report and Docket were presented and discussed. Mr. Daum motioned to approve the reserve transfers to the four reserve accounts: \$55,500.00 to the Operating Reserve, \$11,250.00 to the Expansion Reserve, \$1,700.00 to the Waupaca Substation Reserve and \$9,993.49 to the Loan Liquidation Reserve and the Docket. Mr. Malone seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Strategic Planning: Mr. Dixon stated that he will discuss the results from the Spectrum Engineering study within New Business.

Current Business

Power Supply Report: A copy of the monthly report was distributed. The Department's cost per kWh in February is \$0.065624. Jasper's is \$0.0801360, Huntingburg's is \$0.0782190 and Troy's is \$0.0782450. A monthly comparison of charges from TCED and SIP to Waupaca Foundry Inc. was presented for the Board's review for the month of February consumption. TCED's cost to Waupaca for the March invoice was higher than SIP's charge to Waupaca by approximately \$25,000.

New Business

a. Spectrum Engineering 2020 System Study report overview: Mr. Dixon has received and reviewed the results from Spectrum's system study. The Board was presented with Spectrum's prioritized list of projects recommended to the Department to update and improve our system. The list consisted of eleven projects, provided suggested project timeframes, estimated costs, and different options for specific projects if multiple options were available. The biggest and most expensive recommended projects involved adding a new substation at the old GE location and replacing the Eckley substation. They recommended a new substation at GE to give additional backup between the two current substations and improve the reliability of our service. Reliability would be improved by a GE substation as the current substations are at opposite ends of town, and this additional substation would shorten the line length running to our customers. The further the line runs, the lower the voltage provided. The Eckley substation is 40/50 years old and needs upgraded.

They suggested replacing this substation in two projects. The Board inquired of the location of Eckley substation; whether to move it from the current location due to zoning issues or leave it at its current location. The full list of recommended projects is included in the Board meeting materials file. This report will be placed on TCED Board meeting agenda in the upcoming months to continue the discussion around upcoming projects.

b. Schweizer Fest request for providing electricity 8/10 through 8/14: The Schweizer Fest committee has reached out to TCED requesting the electricity used at the festival to be donated by the Department. This is consistent with prior year requests. Motion to approve the donation of electricity was made by Ms. Noble and seconded by Mr. Malone. Motion passed 6-0.

c. Communications Towers TCED no longer uses: TCED currently owns two communications towers that were previously used when the Department offered Fast Connect internet service. Since getting out of the internet business, TCED no longer utilizes these towers. We have no equipment on the towers. The towers are located at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Tell City and at Windward Heights Country Club in Hancock County, KY. TCED leases the land at both locations for \$1,200/each annually. PSC currently has connections on the 4-H tower while Q-Wireless connects to the tower at Windward Heights. PSC pays TCED \$125 a month and Q-Wireless pays \$116 a month for use of the towers. The Department is asking the Board for their input on the future usage of these towers. After paying the approximate \$30 a month Kenergy bill for the meter at the Windward Heights tower, TCED is barely breaking even on the matter. Mr. Dixon is in communications with PSC and will be reaching out to Q-Wireless to see if either company would have interest in purchasing the towers from the Department. If neither company wants to purchase the towers, we will look into the removal process. TCED will renew the property leases for the period April 2021-April 2022 and use this time frame to making a final decision on the towers.

Other Business

Mr. Daum had to leave the meeting at 4:22 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Malone made a motion, seconded by Ms. Noble at 4:24 P.M. to adjourn to Executive Session to:

Discuss matters related to employee matters.


The motion passed 5-0.

At 4:32 P.M. Mr. Malone made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Ms. Noble seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Kohnert will be attending the May 18, 2021 meeting via ZOOM conferencing as he will be out of town.

Ms. Noble made a motion at 4:33P.M. to adjourn. Mr. Kohnert seconded; the motion passed 5-0.


J.B. Land, Chairman


~~Missy Noble, Secretary~~
JOE MALONE
VICE-CHAIRMAN