

TELL CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 18, 2025

The Tell City Electric Department Board of Directors met at 4:00 P.M. All members of the Board were present except for Mr. Land and Mr. Kohnert. Mr. Malone presided.

General Manager Andy Hicks was in attendance as was Paige Schank for the Department. No additional guests were present.

The Agenda was presented to the Board in written form. No changes were noted. A motion was made by Ms. Nance and seconded by Mr. Daum to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes from the January 22, 2025 meeting were presented in written form. No changes were noted. Mr. Poole made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Daum seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Committees

Human Resources:

i. Community Involvement: TCED employees will volunteer at the Table of Blessings on February 27, 2025.

Financial Matters: The Financial Reports, Working Fund Report, Liquidity Report, and Docket were presented and discussed. The financial reports for the year-end 2024 were presented. It was noted that work orders were closed at year end, expensing all TCED payroll time per State Board of Accounts discussions. An approximate \$400,000 of payroll time was expensed at year end 2024 than would have been in prior years when payroll time was capitalized into the associated fixed assets. Payroll time moving forward will not be placed into a work order account and thus expensed as incurred. Ms. Nance 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, \$20,000.00 to the Waupaca Substation Reserve, and \$9,993.47 to the Loan Liquidation Reserve and the Docket for January. Mr. Poole seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Strategic Planning:

i. E2 Customer Substation Update: TCED has received the invoice for the 788 breaker replacement. Transfer is requested today in the agenda. Next phase of replacements is scheduled for spring.

ii. JB Land Substation Update: Transformer and breaker bids are out and due in March. Bid approvals will take place at the April Board meeting.

Current Business

a. Power Supply Report: A copy of the monthly report was distributed. The Department's cost per kWh in January was \$0.0792044, Jasper's was \$0.0881975, Huntingburg's is \$0.0858315 and Troy's is \$0.0824250. A monthly comparison of charges from TCED and SIP to our E2 customer was presented for the Board's review for January consumption. TCED's cost to the E2 customer for the January consumption (due in February) invoice was approximately \$17,000 less than SIP's charge.

b. Troy and Cannelton Assistance Update: No update for Cannelton mutual aid. There have been miscellaneous small Troy outages TCED has provided assistance. TCED has received payment for the mutual aid provided to Orlando Utilities.

Ms. Nance made a motion, seconded by Mr. Poole at 4:17 P.M. to adjourn to Executive Session to:

Discuss personnel matters.

The motion passed 4-0.

At 4:28 P.M. Mr. Poole made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Mr. Daum seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

New Business

a. Tell Street Housing Project: The Department has been in contact with a local builder looking at building 3 units with 10 apartments each. The project is in the very beginning phases and working through funding. Mr. Hicks has estimated extending TCED's underground service to the project at approximately \$150,000. With this pricing, TCED would recoup its investment in four years. TCED would also be able to move the 16 neighboring services from overhead to underground. Ms. Nance motioned, followed by a second from Mr. Daum to approve Mr. Hicks to provide the builder a notice that TCED is willing to invest up to but not to exceed \$150,000 of material and labor related to the project. Any additional costs beyond the \$150,000 would be at the expense of the builder. TCED's investment agreement is dependent on the build of the full project at 30 units. All fees listed under the TCED Terms and Conditions would be followed, without exception. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Transfer of \$58,545.84 from Waupaca Substation Reserve Fund to Regular Checking for E2 Breaker Upgrade Project: TCED received the invoice from Hoosier Energy for the 788 breaker replacement changed out due to storm damage last year. Mr. Daum motioned to transfer the funds from the Waupaca Reserve to the checking account. In the amount of \$58,545.84. Motion seconded by Mr. Poole and passed 4-0.

c. Resolution R250218A General Manager Merit: The Board reviewed the criteria for Mr. Hicks's merit bonus as was set forth at the end of 2023 for his 2024 goals. They expressed their appreciation to Mr. Hicks for the hard work he has put into the Department. Mr. Hicks has met his goals related to safety, EBITDA, project work, community involvement and other predetermined criteria by the Board for 2024. Ms. Nance motioned to approve the Resolution R250218A General Manager Merit in the amount of \$5,000 payable in 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Daum and passed 4-0.

d. Operations Building Roof: TCED's operations building had extensive water leaking into the building, where all material is stored, after the winter storm in January. It is believed that the snow/ice packed on the roof trapped the water from properly draining and caused the leaking on the ridgeline and edges of the roof where the metal is bolted down and started rusting. The gutters are also rusted. TCED has requested quotes from multiple companies over the past month. One roofing company provided a temporary fix of caulking and sealant on the problem areas for the time being. TCED received an estimate for a company to come seal the ridgeline and a few feet up the ends of the roof, all areas that have shown leaking issues. This company feels that the rood itself is in good shape, just the areas where it's bolted need properly sealed. A full roof replacement would be over \$100,000 while the sealant repair with gutter replacement is estimated around \$20,000 with a 7 year warranty. Mr. Hicks will reach back out to the repair company to get a quote for the full gutter/repair service. TCED will also follow up with the other companies to see if they are still interested in providing estimates for services.

e. Approval of the Chamber 2025 Membership and Sponsorship funded from the Promotional Account for \$775.00: The Board approved the renewal of the Department's membership into the Perry County Chamber at a cost of \$775.00 for the year 2025. Ms. Nance motioned to approve donation to the Chamber for the \$275.00 membership fee and \$500.00 traditional investor sponsorship for a total of \$775.00. Payment to be made from the TCED promotional fund held by the City. Motion seconded by Mr. Poole and passed 4-0.

Other Business

There being no further business, Mr. Daum made a motion at 4:58 P.M. to adjourn. Mr. Poole seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

J.B. Land, Chairman

Joe Mabre

*JOE MAHONEY
VICE-CHAIRMAN*

~~Bob Kohnert, Secretary~~

*Horna Nance,
Board Member*

