

TELL CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 15, 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. Malone. Mr. Land 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. Mr. Hicks requested an addition to Current Business, Item e. GE Project Update, an addition to Human Resources item iii. Ivy Spark. A motion was made by Mr. Poole and seconded by Mr. Daum to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting were presented in written form. No changes were noted. Mr. Kohnert made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Nance seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Committees

Human Resources:

i. Community Involvement: TCED employees attended the Skilled Trades Fair at Ivy Tech in April and had a good turnout of students interested in line work visit their exhibit. Mr. Hicks will be working with Perry Central at the end of April to conduct mock interviews to assist future line work focused students in preparation for workforce interviews

ii. APPA Awards: TCED received the American Public Power E-Reliability award for the year 2024. This award recognizes TCED for their reliable electric service to the community. The Department also received the APPA Safety award for 2024 for our commitment to employee safety. Lunch will be provided to staff on Thursday, April 17th to honor the hard work and dedication that led to both awards, as well as lineman appreciation day on April 18th. The Board is welcomed to attend the luncheon.

iii. Ivy Spark: Ivy Spark is an electrical trades career path program that area schools such as Tell City, Perry Central and Hancock County currently offer between the high schools and Ivy Tech Community College. The students attend Ivy Tech for a certain time allotment every morning during school hours. The program is looking to incorporate an apprentice program during the last week of the school year when the high school is still in session but the community college is complete by teaming up with local companies, such as Tell City Electric. The commitment for the Department would be training students for a couple hours for five days each semester. In doing so, Ivy Tech will receive \$500 per student from the state to invest back into their Ivy Spark program. Tell City Electric will agree to give the students mock interviews upon completion of the apprenticeship and if the Department would to have an open position, students of the program would be guaranteed an interview. Mr. Hicks will look into who keeps track of the students who have completed the program for interview purposes.

Financial Matters: The Financial Reports, Working Fund Report, Liquidity Report, and Docket were presented and discussed. Mrs. Schank noted that the Department received just under \$35,000 on the certificate of deposit in the month of March. 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 April. Mr. Daum seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Strategic Planning:

i. E2 Customer Substation Update: TCED has obtained the E2 customer's work schedule through the end of the year and submitted the schedule to Hoosier Energy to get the plan together for the outage needed to complete the upgrade. The joint operating committee would like to add another year to the project to upgrade the 69 breakers that are approaching 30 years of service life. The addition to the project is estimated at \$70,000 for TCED's cost.

ii. JB Land Substation Update: Bids were received for the transformer, 15kV breakers, and the 69kV breaker. Details are noted below:

15kV Breakers: Three valid bids were received, ranging from \$217,528 - \$269,039.84. Entrust recommends going with Siemens Inc. at \$217,528 with a lead time of approximately 26-30 weeks. Phase 1 of the JB Land Substation's 15kV breakers were approximately \$167,000 from ABB. Phase 2 involves an extra breaker.

69kV Breaker: Four valid bids were received, ranging from \$98,600-\$125,500. Entrust recommends Meiden America Switchgear, Inc. at \$98,600 with a lead time of approximately 52 weeks. Phase 1 of the JB Land Substation's 69kV breaker was approximately \$49,700, thus significantly higher bids this round.

Power Transformer: Three bids were received, ranging from \$1,842,782 to \$2,081,049. Entrust reviewed each bid and recommends Niagara Power Transformer at a price of \$1,842,742 with the Temperature Rise Test and included 5-Year Warranty. Lead time for Niagara is approximately three years. Entrust and the Department recommended Niagara to the Board because of its lower cost and extended lead time. The lead time allows the Department more time to invest money into the reserves to fund Phase 2 without taking out a loan. Based on reviews of current reserve standings, anticipated reserve withdrawals – including additional substation material marked-up 50% from Phase 1's material list, and the proposed transformer payment plan noted in Niagara's bid, the Department hopes to maintain close to a 90-day operating reserve throughout the completion of Phase 2.

Bid review letters from Entrust were presented to the Board for their review. Reserve calculations were also provided. Both are included within the Board meeting materials. TCED employees will complete the labor for the steel work. The wiring of the substation will be bid out. With the lead time of the breakers being less than the transformer, the Department can install the 15kV breakers and heat them from the Phase 1 transformer until Niagara delivers the transformer. The remaining material will go out to bid by the end of April.

A motion to approve the purchase of the 15kV breakers from Siemen's proposal, the 69kV breaker from Meiden America Switchgear's proposal, and the power transformer from Niagara Power Transformer's proposal was made by Mr. Kohnert. Mr. Daum seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Current Business

a. Power Supply Report: A copy of the monthly report was distributed. The Department's cost per kWh in March was \$0.0781103, Jasper's was \$0.0869429, Huntingburg's is \$0.0872338 and Troy's is \$0.0873954. A monthly comparison of charges from TCED and SIP to our E2 customer was presented for the Board's review for March consumption. TCED's cost to the E2 customer for the March consumption (due in April) invoice was approximately \$6,000 more than SIP's charge.

b. Troy and Cannelton Assistance Update: Small outage assistance was given to Troy over the last week. No update on the bid for the remainder of the tie line at this time. TCED will be working with Cannelton this summer to determine transformer sizing for an area of their system. TCED also provided contact information for bucket truck sales.

c. Operations Building Roof: The down payment for the roof repair is in the Board docket at today's meeting. Work is expected to be done in the next two weeks, weather permitting.

d. River Road Update: No update on the River Road project at this time. All work is completed until the road is established. Timeframe for the road is late summer/early fall. TCED has billed the county the second invoice for the project. Due to high water, TCED had to cut power to the Port last Thursday through today.

e. GE Project Update: Mr. Hicks has reached out to the contractor on the project who stated they had delays on their end, but plan to begin fall of 2025. They are required to complete the process as part of the remediation agreement. GE/the contractor on the project will pay for all costs from build to tear down.

Mr. Poole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daum at 4:46 P.M. to adjourn and move into executive session to:

Discuss personnel matters.

The motion passed 5-0.

At 4:59 P.M. Mr. Daum made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to regular session. Mr. Poole seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

New Business

a. Resolution R250415A TCED Personnel Policy 6.5 Section Update: Section 6.5 of the personnel policy discusses "Commission of a Felony or Unlawful Act." The Board discussed this section of the policy and agreed to the amended section 6.5 as presented at the meeting. The updated section added language that if an employee lost their license for more than a 90 day period or had two DUI/OWI/DWI citations during a seven year period, they would be terminated. Language was also added that involved disciplinary guidance if an employee received a DUI/OWI/DWI citation while not on duty. Mr. Daum made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kohnert. Resolution R250415A passed 5-0.

b. Resolution R250415B TCED Drug and Alcohol Policy: The Board discussed the Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented at the meeting. This policy covers pre-employment, random, reasonable suspicion and post-accident testing. Language was added to move the policy to a zero-tolerance policy. If testing at pre-employment concludes at anything over 0.00, the person will not be hired. Disciplinary guidance was clarified for testing positive for drugs and for each level of alcohol results, beginning at any results greater than 0.00. Mr. Poole made the motion, seconded by Ms. Nance. Resolution R250415B passed 5-0.

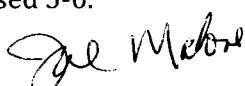
c. Altec Bucket Truck Update: The Altec representative anticipates our bucket truck to be delivered by November 2025.

Other Business

After the significant rainfall at the beginning of April, a cave-in appeared on the hillside going up Sunset Road. TCED became involved when it was noticed that our primary underground is visible from the edge of the hole. At this point, DNR has taken over the cave-in and TCED is working on relocating the underground to the other side of the neighborhood, following Sunset Road.

TCED has been notified that a Sales and Use Tax and Withholding Tax audit will be performed by the Indiana Department of Revenue for the years 2022-2024. It is unknown at this time when the audit will begin.

There being no further business, Ms. Nance made a motion at 5:18 P.M. to adjourn. Mr. Daum seconded; the motion passed 5-0.


~~J.B. Land, Chairman~~

JOE MALONE
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Bob Kohnert, Secretary

