

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION HELD September 11, 2025.

The Board of Directors of the Tombigbee Electric Power Association met at the Tupelo Headquarters Office, Tupelo, MS, on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The following directors were present:

Class of 2026

Lynn Turner  
Mike Irwin  
Chip Prestage  
Brenda Shumpert  
F.G. Wiygul

Class of 2027

Jim Gray  
Steve Holland  
Don Knight  
Andy Spradling  
Danny Riley

Class of 2028

Sammy Reed  
John McFerrin  
Buddy Palmer  
T.J. Adams  
Ken Pearson

(A)Not present

(P)Phone/Zoom

Also, present was

Scott Hendrix, CEO  
Jonathan Hagood, Auditor  
Michael Dickinson, Safety, Loss, and Prevention  
Jeff Godfrey, Tupelo Electric Operations Manager  
Matt Fennell, Manager of Fiber Services  
Lee Kelso, Fulton Office Manager  
April Hood, Manager of Member Services  
Brian Wood, Manager of Fiber Operations  
Ken Brown, Fulton Branch Manager  
Toby Mask, Manager of Engineering  
Hannah Hungate, Marketing Specialist

Scott Hendrix called the meeting to order and called on Mike Irwin to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Hendrix welcomed Ken Pearson as a newly elected director and congratulated other reelected directors which make up the Class of 2028 director class.

Mr. Hendrix opened the floor for board officer nominations. After brief discussion, F.G. Wiygul made a motion to reappoint all current board officers for their respective positions. Danny Riley seconded the motion. A vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed.

The officers of the Board of Directors of Tombigbee EPA for 2025-2026 are as follows:

President- Lynn Turner  
Vice President- Don Knight  
Secretary- Andy Spradling  
Treasurer- Chip Prestage  
Lee County Representative- Mike Irwin  
Itawamba County Representative- John McFerrin

Mr. Turner thanked the board for his reelection as president, and he presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Turner opened the floor for consideration of the August 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

**Buddy Palmer made a motion that the August 2025 meeting minutes prepared and distributed to be approved.** Chip Prestage seconded the motion for approval and upon vote taken, a majority vote was observed.

Mr. Turner asked if an executive session was needed. Scott Hendrix responded yes, the board needed to enter executive session. John McFerrin made a motion to enter executive session, and Chip Prestage seconded the motion. A vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed, and the board entered executive session.

Chip Prestage made a motion for the board to resume the normal board meeting. Don Knight seconded the motion, and a vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed. The board resumed its normal board meeting.

A vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed to give Scott Hendrix the authority to deal with a personnel matter.

#### **Attorney Report:**

Scott Hendrix reported that the Jesco contract was signed. There will be a kickoff meeting soon with Jesco to discuss preliminary design for the Fulton Branch Office site and Truck Maintenance Building site. Mr. Hendrix reported that the Shannon substation contract was under review. Mr. Hendrix also gave an update on the CPF broadband infrastructure grant administered through the BEAM office.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Executive Committee- Lynn Turner, Chairman**

Mr. Turner informed the board of the executive committee meeting that was held on Tuesday September 9, 2025, with Jonathon Hagood with Franks, Franks, Wilemon, Hagood, CPA. The committee meeting was to inform the executive committee of the results of the board election ending September 5, 2025. Mr. Hagood informed the board of the election results and gave statistics of the vote. Mr. Hagood distributed the election result details to the board. After a brief discussion a vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed to certify and accept the results of the election. Since this was a recommendation of the committee, no motion is needed.

#### **Fiber Update:**

Matt Fennell, Manager of Fiber Services, gave an update on our broadband project. Mr. Fennell stated that there was a total of 27,642 fiber customers connected, an increase of 220 from last month. There are 370 customers waiting to be installed. The board was also updated on the

following: take rate of 51%, and Mr. Fennell also updated the board on the number of voice customers 1,736 and revenue generated by both internet and voice customers.

Mr. Fennell also updated the board on the BEAM CPF Community WiFi progress including Round 3 awards. Mr. Fennell informed the board about the new Tombigbee Fiber website which is now active. Mr. Fennell gave updates on marketing outreach through social media and business spotlights. Mr. Fennell and Mr. Hendrix gave an update on the Tier 1-3 call center transition which should be completed by 10/1/2025.

Mr. Brian Wood, Manager of Fiber Operations, gave an update on construction progress in the City of Tupelo.

### **Engineering Report:**

Toby Mask, Manager of Engineering, gave an update on the Shannon Substation project progress. Mr. Mask gave a July 2025 production report. He reported that the Tupelo Engineering department completed 188 tickets in July. Mr. Mask also reported details of upgrades or new electric lines built. The details included 5.25 miles of new electric line constructed, 1 mile of electric line replacement, and retiring .3 miles of electric wire.

Mr. Jeff Godfrey, Tupelo Electric Operations Manager, gave an electric construction update for 2025. He reported that crews had completed 402 overhead jobs out of the Tupelo office, 238 underground jobs for the Tupelo office, and 71 underground jobs for the Fulton office which totaled 711 construction jobs for the year. Mr. Godfrey reported on large construction jobs that included Liebherr in the Hive, Ashley Furniture in Verona, and other systems upgrades throughout the system.

Mr. Ken Brown, Fulton Office Branch Manager, gave an electric construction update for the Fulton Office. Mr. Brown reported on construction projects and gave an update on Right of Way clearing.

### **Auditor's Report:**

Mr. Lynn Turner stated the need to reappoint Franks, Franks, Wilemon, Hagood as the association's auditing firm. Steve Holland made the motion to reappoint Franks, Franks, Wilemon, Hagood as the association auditor, F.G. Wiygul seconded the motion. A vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed.

Mr. Hagood provided the board with a copy of the TEPA Monthly Highlights Report, prepared by Franks, Franks, Wilemon and Hagood for the month ending July 2025 and explained various details of the report. Total electric sales were up and gross margin was relatively flat when compared to the same period in 2024. Mr. Hagood further presented financial statements relating to Tombigbee Fiber, LLC.

### **CEO Report: Scott R. Hendrix**

Mr. Hendrix had a list of directors that plan to attend the ECM Annual meeting this year and asked if any changes needed to be made by any director. Mr. Hendrix also gave details of the

TVA Tour scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. Mr. Hendrix informed the board about new board member orientation for Ken Pearson and invited other board members to attend.

**Matters of Mutual Concern:**

Board members that were reelected in the recent board election expressed their gratitude for being reelected to the TEPA board. TEPA board officers expressed their gratitude for being reappointed as board officers.

Steve Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chip Prestage seconded the motion, A vote was duly taken, and a majority vote was observed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Andy Spradling-Secretary

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Lynn Turner-President