

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION HELD JUNE 12, 2025.

The Board of Directors of the Tombigbee Electric Power Association met at the Tupelo Headquarters Office, Tupelo, MS, on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The following directors were present:

Class of 2027

Jim Gray  
Steve Holland  
Don Knight  
Andy Spradling  
Danny Riley

Class of 2025

Sammy Reed  
John McFerrin  
Buddy Palmer  
Randy Letson  
T. J. Adams

Class of 2026

Lynn Turner  
Mike Irwin  
Chip Prestage  
Brenda Shumpert (A)  
F. G. Wiygul, Jr.

(A)Not present  
(P)Phone/Zoom

Also, present was

Scott Hendrix, CEO  
Jonathan Hagood, Auditor  
Bruce Williams, CFO  
Michael Dickinson, Safety, Loss, and Prevention  
Jeff Godfrey, Tupelo Electric Operations Manager  
Matt Fennell, Manager of Fiber Services  
Toby Mask, Manager of Engineering  
Lee Kelso, Fulton Office Manager  
April Hood, Manager of Member Services  
Brian Wood, Manager of Fiber Operations  
Hanna Hungate, Social Media and Public Relations  
Tim Hood, Foremen ROW

Lynn Turner called the meeting to order and called on Randy Letson to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Turner opened the floor for consideration of the May 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. **Steve Holland made a motion that the May 2025 meeting minutes prepared and distributed be approved.** Chip Prestage seconded the motion for approval and upon vote taken, a majority vote was observed.

Mr. Hendrix introduced our new social media and public relations employees. She introduced herself and told a little about her education and personal background.

No Executive Session needed at this time.

**Attorney Report:** No attorney report at this time.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee, Lynn Turner Chairman. The Executive Committee met prior to regular board meeting to review ROW spraying bids. The committee recommended the lowest bid who had prior experience with TEPA ROW spraying. Since this is a recommendation of the board no motion is needed. After a brief discussion a vote was duly taken, and a unanimous vote of the board was observed.

Purchasing Committee, T.J. Adams Chairman

Mr. Adams turned the presentation over to Mr. Hendrix to present the Equipment Budget proposal for 2025-26 physical year. The committee met the previous week to consider the equipment needs of the Tupelo, Fulton and Engineering Office. After a brief discussion and since there is a recommendation of the board no motion is needed. A vote was duly taken, and a unanimous vote of the board was observed.

### **Fiber Update:**

Matt Fennell, Manager of Fiber Services, gave an update on our broadband project. Mr. Fennell stated that there was a total of 26,970 fiber customers connected, an increase of 168 from last month. There are 429 members waiting to be installed. The board was also updated on the following: take rate of 50%, and Mr. Fennell also updated the board on the number of voice customers 1,648 and revenue generated by both internet and voice customers.

Mr. Hendrix informed the board of attending the Fiber Broadband Association in Nashville and being on a panel at the meeting. Mr. Hendrix presented the social media post associated with the storm damage this past weekend, Sharing Success check presentation and Troy Thornton retirement.

**Engineering Report:** Toby Mask, informed the board that Shannon Substation bid documents are currently be reviewed and will be presented to the board at a later date. .

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

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 April 2025 and explained various details of the report. Specific details and information where gross margins from electric sales are up 10% for the same period last year; net income for this month has increased as compared to the

same period last year; kilowatt-hours sales are up 1.44%, compared to the month ending April 2024; and operating expenses have increased slightly from this time last year. Mr. Hagood further presented financial statements relating to Tombigbee Fiber, LLC

**CEO Report: Scott Hendrix**

Mr. Hendrix reported on the storm recovery efforts from this past weekend, and the assistance provided by ACE, North Central EPA and Coahoma EPA. Mr. Hendrix updated the board on the ECM Annual Meeting change of dates and events from previous years.

**Matters of Mutual Concern:**

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