

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
December 27, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on December 27, 2018, at the offices of the Cooperative pursuant to previous Board resolution.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Kenny Owen. The following Directors were present: Kenny Owen, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Tom Williams, Matt Schlichting, Karl Morey, Charles Webb, Jerry Marti, and Karen Nims. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Tara Littlejohn, David Engelage, Tim Riley, Sharla Wilkerson, and Charlie Lathrop.

A prayer of invocation was offered by David Stump. Tom Williams led the Board in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the November 28, 2018 meeting, membership applications, and November disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Kevin Taffner, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were approved as presented.

David Engelage provided an update on steps taken to meet safety goals. Tara Littlejohn and Sharla Wilkerson provided an update regarding communications on rates. Shawna Phipps provided updates regarding internal and external communications, education, and availability of the Cooperative's Form 990. Tim Riley provided an update regarding reliability and outage management.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Operations, Accounting, Billing

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE

STAFF REPORTS

and Member Services. On motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

David Engelage reviewed the written Safety Report for November operations. He discussed the following: no accidents, no work comp claims, no near misses; employee presentation at Platte-Clay Electric; and CDL training and physicals. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

SAFETY REPORT

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: revenue; generation statistics; sales; year-to-date financials; AECI update; K-PowerNet; budget; rate forecast; staffing; load forecast; CEO hiring process; and announcement that Ted Hilmes was hired as CEO.

KAMO BOARD REPORT

CEO Hull reported his attendance to the AMEC Board Meeting and committee meetings. He reported on legislative activities.

AMEC REPORT

CEO Hull presented his monthly report which included: AECI update; legislative issues; ADM discussions; Board governance; activities with City of Lamar; economic development; and irrigation member communications. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

CEO REPORT

On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board approved the new LP1 rate as proposed by staff. The new rate has been communicated to ADM.

COMMERCIAL LP1 RATE

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 515, as revised.

POLICY 515

The Board considered revisions to Policy 520. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

POLICY 520

The Board considered revisions to Policy 601. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

POLICY 601

Staff members were excused from the meeting.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.


UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President asked for new business. There was none.


NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary

Approved:


Chairman