

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
September 26, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on September 26, 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, and Sharla Wilkerson.

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

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the August 29, 2018 meeting, membership applications, and August disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were approved as presented.

Staff updated the Board on strategic goals related to safety, rates, communications, Board and employee education, and reliability.

Matthew Morgan and Michaela Allen reported on their participation in Youth Tour.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Operations, Accounting, Billing and Member Services. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Karen Nims and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE

**YOUTH TOUR
PRESENTATION**

STAFF REPORTS

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board approved adding Aclara Software Upgrades to the 2018 Budget.

2018 BUDGET ADDENDUM

David Engelage reviewed the written Safety Report for August operations. He discussed the following: equipment testing and inspections; active shooter training; EPA and DNR audit; safety training; and drug testing. On motion made by David Stump, 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; retirement of Chris Cariker announced; nomination of Kendall Beck for Oklahoma statewide award; and State Fair.

KAMO BOARD REPORT

CEO Hull reported his attendance to the meeting of AMEC. Items of interest included: AMEC Budget; 2020 Directors' Conference; farm bill; and Linemen Rodeo.

AMEC REPORT

CEO Hull presented his monthly report which included: AECI generation mix; Federated Board report; pole attachments; political issues; AT&T AirGig; governance; and City of Lamar discussions. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

CEO REPORT

Tara Littlejohn presented a preliminary draft of the 2019 Budget. She and CEO Hull answered questions from the Board.

2019 BUDGET

On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve the elimination of Policy 500.

POLICY 500

The Board considered revisions to Policy 640, Travel & Business Expense Guidelines. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

POLICY 640

Staff members were excused from the meeting.

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

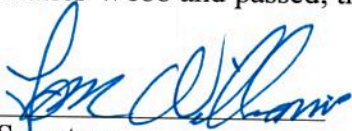
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President asked for new business. The Board discussed the following: planning a visit from David Tudor, CEO of AECI; and use of facilities.

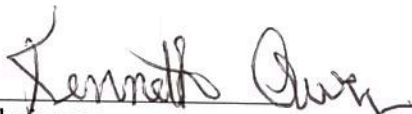
NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary

Approved:


Chairman