

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
April 27, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on April 27, 2016, at the offices of the Cooperative pursuant to previous Board resolution.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Douglas Haile. The following Directors were present: Douglas Haile, Kenny Owen, Max Walters, Barbara Barley, Jerry Thieman, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, and Tom Williams. Directors absent: Joel Maneval. Also present were Russell McCorkle, CEO/General Manager; Rod Widger, General Counsel; and staff members Tara Littlejohn, Shawna Phipps, and Sharla Wilkerson.

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

The agenda of the April 27 meeting was presented. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the agenda was approved as revised.

Minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2016 were presented. On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Max Walters and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 36 applications for membership. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Kenny Owen and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

The Board reviewed the list of March disbursements. After questions and discussion, on motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to accept the report of disbursements and Manager expense report. Joel Maneval entered the meeting.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**AGENDA APPROVED**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

leaders answered questions about department activities. On motion made by Kevin Taffner, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for March operations. CEO McCorkle answered questions. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

Staff members Shawna Phipps and Sharla Wilkerson left the meeting.

Max Walters reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Power. Items of interest included: AECI margins; energy revenue budget; GRDA coal plant settlement; ITA negotiations; vehicle data management; sales projections; and Peabody coal.

CEO McCorkle presented the AMEC Report. Items of interest included: failure of solar initiatives; FEMA rule against gratuities from vendors; and legislative report.

Tara Littlejohn presented the Financial Report for March operations which included the general ledger report of income and expenses year-to-date compared to budget. She also spoke about: Form 7 data; analysis of controllable expenses; capital budget items; capital credit retirement distribution; KAMO capital credit allocation; and key financial ratios.

CEO McCorkle presented the monthly Operations Report. Items of interest included: Jasper Feeder 5 completion and cost; Lamar Feeder 8 work; NRS progress; Poor Boy herbicide program; paperless timesheets; NISC app for truck iPads; fuel system weakness; GPS update; shop construction completion; and status of surplus equipment. Mr. McCorkle presented the recommendation of consultant engineers that a contract for double circuit work be awarded to Echo Powerlines. On motion made by Joel Maneval, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to accept the low bid of Echo Powerlines in the amount of \$462,840.50 for this work. CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which

## **SAFETY REPORT**

## **KAMO**

## **AMEC**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

## **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

## **CEO REPORT**

included: annual meeting preparation; budget control; KAMO annual meeting; and recommendation regarding on-site fuel supply. On motion made by Max Walters, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to implement the management recommendation that fuel be purchased locally as needed and that the on-site fuel system be amended, all subject to annual review. Mr. McCorkle reported his intention to meet with the City of Liberal on May 10. The Board authorized Counsel Rod Widger to be in that meeting to support the CEO. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Max Walters and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

## **FUEL SYSTEM**

Dave Ramsey of AECI entered the meeting. He made a presentation regarding pro-solar activity and reasonable responses to common questions. After discussion, Mr. Ramsey left the meeting.

## **AECI PRESENTATION**

CEO McCorkle presented an option to release unused portions of the Cooperative's CFC line of credit. After discussion, on motion made by Kevin Taffner, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board resolved to table the matter for further information regarding cost savings.

## **CFC UNCOMMITTED LINE OF CREDIT**

CEO McCorkle led in a review of revised policies. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Kenny Owen and passed, the Board resolved to adopt revised Policy 305, Automatic Disconnect Devices. On motion made by Kenny Owen, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to adopt revised Policy 500, Standard Construction Practices. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Max Walters and passed, the Board resolved to adopt revised Policy 510, Line Extension Policy. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Kenny Owen and passed, the Board resolved to reaffirm Policy 515, Interconnection Agreement. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 520, Service Equipment Charges.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The President asked for new business and the

## **NEW BUSINESS**

following items were discussed:

- A. Barbara Barley presented a member complaint regarding chipped vegetation left on member right-of-way.
- B. Jerry Thieman raised the issue of compensation for assigned on-call obligations. The CEO and staff will develop a proposal.

There being no further business, the Board entered into Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, on motion made seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Secretary

Approved:

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Chairman

**MEMBER COMPLAINT**

**ON-CALL COMPENSATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**