

(UNAPPROVED)
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
August 31, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on August 31, 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 Kenny Owen. The following Directors were present: Kenny Owen, Max Walters, Jerry Thieman, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Tom Williams, Barbara Barley, Matt Schlichting, and Karl Morey. Directors absent: none. Also present were Russell McCorkle, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Jeff Hull, Chuck Wolfe, Tara Littlejohn, Rusty Endicott, Shawna Phipps, and Sharla Wilkerson.

A prayer of invocation was offered by Karl Morey. Matt Schlichting led the Board in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda of the August 31 meeting was presented. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2016 were presented. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 30 applications for membership. On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

The Board reviewed the list of July disbursements. After questions and discussion, on motion made by David Stump, seconded by Max Walters and passed, the Board resolved to accept the report of disbursements and Manager expense report.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

AGENDA APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED

NEW MEMBERS

DISBURSEMENTS

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

STAFF REPORTS

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for July operations. Rusty Endicott then answered questions. He reported no injuries and referred the Board to the written Safety Report. He provided details regarding the written report. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

SAFETY REPORT

Staff members Shawna Phipps, Rusty Endicott, Sharla Wilkerson, and Jeff Hull left the meeting.

Max Walters and CEO McCorkle reported their attendance to the KAMO Board meeting. Items of interest included: KAMO financials and operations; construction; AECI generation; environmental issues; clean line; ROW bids; and scholarship information.

KAMO REPORT

Tara Littlejohn presented the Financial Report for July operations which included the general ledger report of income and expenses year-to-date compared to budget. She also spoke about: analysis of controllable expenses; capital budget items; and key financial ratios.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chuck Wolfe presented the monthly Operations Report. Items of interest included: pole change outs; construction; employee search process; vegetation management; IT update; and GIS update.

OPERATIONS REPORT

On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to amend the budget to increase the right of way vegetation management budget by \$100,000, as recommended by staff, to be reviewed monthly by the Board.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT BUDGET INCREASE

CEO McCorkle and Chuck Wolfe presented information on proposals for scholarships for local students. The Board discussed various options for implementing a scholarship program.

LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which included: key ratio trend analysis; proposed special meetings for rate design discussion and budget discussion to be held on October 3 and 11, respectively; NISC upgrades; smart hub beta testing; drug and alcohol testing issues; work plan update and bids for assistance; distribution and organizational chart; and budget planning. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

CEO REPORT

On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board named CEO McCorkle as the Cooperative voting delegate to the CFC district meeting.

CFC VOTING DELEGATE

On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policies 675, 685, and 690. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to eliminate Policy 665.

POLICY REVIEW

CEO McCorkle reminded the Board of planned training relating to wage, hour, and human resources in addition to other proposed training for employees, staff, and the Board.

TRAINING

CEO McCorkle raised concern regarding potential conflicts in policies.

POLICY DISCUSSION

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President asked for new business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following Executive Session, there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary
Approved:

Chairman