

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on July 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 Kenny Owen. The following Directors were present: Kenny Owen, Max Walters, Jerry Thieman, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Tom Williams, Matt Schlichting, and Karl Morey. Directors absent: Barbara Barley. Also present were Russell McCorkle, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Jeff Hull, Chuck Wolfe, Rusty Endicott and Shawna Phipps,

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The agenda of the July 27 meeting was presented. On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the agenda was approved as revised.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2016 were presented. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 41 applications for membership. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

**NEW MEMBERS**

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

**DISBURSEMENTS**

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities. On motion made by Max Walters, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The Board reviewed bad debt write-offs through June. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board resolved to approve the write-offs.

## **WRITE-OFFS**

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for June 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 Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

## **SAFETY REPORT**

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

Max Walters and CEO McCorkle reported their attendance to the KAMO Board meeting. Items of interest included: KAMO and financials and operations; GRDA Unit 2 fire; construction; and NE OK1. EC.

## **KAMO REPORT**

CEO McCorkle presented the Financial Report for June operations which included the general ledger report of income and expenses year-to-date compared to budget. He 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; regulator repair and replacement; vegetation management; IT update; and GIS update.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Allan Branstetter with AMEC reviewed with the Board the results of recent safety related audits. Following his report, Mr. Branstetter was excused from the meeting.

## **SAFETY AUDITS**

CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which included: key ratio trend analysis; discussion regarding the dam tour he and some board members took; employee meeting; contract regarding fax lines; and budget planning. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

## **CEO REPORT**

CEO McCorkle presented and discussed the cooperative form 990. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to approve the 2015 Form 990.

## **FORM 990**

On motion made by Max Walters, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board named CEO McCorkle as the Cooperative voting delegate to the NRECA regional meeting.

## **NRECA DELEGATE**

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policies 650, 653, 655, 660, 663, and the Return to Work form.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

CEO McCorkle updated the Board on the current organization chart.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

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

## **TRAINING**

CEO McCorkle updated the Board on efforts to improve communications among employees, staff and management.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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**

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Secretary  
Approved:

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Chairman