

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
December 28, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on December 28, 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, Rusty Endicott, Shawna Phipps, Tara Littlejohn, and Chuck Wolfe.

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

The agenda of the December 28 meeting was presented. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the amended agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2016 were presented. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 33 applications for membership. On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

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

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 Tom Williams, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for November operations. Rusty Endicott reported on a new workers' compensation claim and referred the Board to the details of the written Safety Report. He reported on one vehicle-pole accident with a fatality. On motion made by Kevin Taffner, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to accept the 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 financials and operations; legal expense update; AECI update; rate discussions; update on fiber construction; budget; transmission issues; and committee changes.

CEO McCorkle reported his attendance to the meeting of AMEC. Items of interest included: newly selected Attorney General; litigation; FEMA procurement concerns; legislative activities; and David Klindt's retirement.

Tara Littlejohn presented the Financial Report for November operations which included the general ledger report of income and expenses year-to-date compared to budget. She also spoke about significant budget variances. She explained the margin surplus compared to budget and noted that controllable expenses were below budget.

Chuck Wolfe presented the monthly Operations Report. Items of interest included: pole change outs; new service conversion and construction; right-of-way management; restitution relating to wire theft cases; OCR maintenance; work plan progress; and new truck delivery.

CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which

SAFETY REPORT

KAMO REPORT

AMEC REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATIONS REPORT

CEO REPORT

included: meeting with NRECA representative at Ozark Electric; discussions regarding manager retirements; appointment to MECIP Board and Training & Development Committee; and additional responsibilities he is taking on with AMEC. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to appoint CEO McCorkle as NRTC Voting Delegate.

The Board reviewed the proposed contract with Asplundh. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to approve the contract with Asplundh as presented to the Board.

On motion made by Max Walters, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve a list of activities for which Directors may receive per diem payment for attendance in 2017.

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the board resolved to authorize enrollment in the CFC Corporate Card Program.

Chuck Wolfe and Tara Littlejohn were excused from the meeting.

The President asked for unfinished business. CEO McCorkle presented information on rate structure options and updated the Board on human resource issues.

The President asked for new business. Kevin Taffner reported on his attendance to Director training.

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

NRTC VOTING DELEGATE

ASPLUNDH CONTRACT

BOARD PER DIEM CALENDAR

CFC CORPORATE CARD PROGRAM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary
Approved:

Chairman