

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
October 26, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on October 26, 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, Chuck Wolfe, and Sharla Wilkerson.

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

The agenda of the October 26 meeting was presented. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Max Walters and passed, the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2016 were presented. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by David Stump and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 35 applications for membership. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

The Board reviewed the list of September 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's 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 Tom Williams, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for September operations. Rusty Endicott reported no injuries and referred the Board to the details of the written Safety Report. On motion made by David Stump, 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; legal expense update; AECI update; rate discussions; update on fiber damage; and new KAMO representative to AECI, John Hibdon.

## **KAMO REPORT**

CEO McCorkle reported his attendance to the meeting of AMEC. Items of interest included: legislative activities; education; and Bolivia assistance.

## **AMEC REPORT**

Tara Littlejohn presented the Financial Report for September 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. She discussed loan repricing.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chuck Wolfe presented the monthly Operations Report. Items of interest included: pole change outs; new service conversion and construction; right-of-way expenses; right-of-way management; pole inspections and system GPS project; restitution relating to wire theft cases; and radio updates.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which included: attendance to NRECA Regional meeting in St. Louis; Youth Tour qualifications; rate structure; fiber issues; weather station support; CFC financial

## **CEO REPORT**

forecast; and security light maintenance issues. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

After discussion, on motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 625, Loss Control; Policy 680, Concealed Carry By Employees; and Policy 715, Employee Business Ethics, as amended and presented to the meeting.

CEO McCorkle shared highlights from the 2016 AECI Load Forecast Study. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to accept the 2016 AECI Load Forecast Study.

CEO McCorkle presented a revised 2017 Budget based on previous Board recommendation. Following extensive discussion, on motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Max Walters and passed, the Board approved the 2017 Budget as presented, with Director Taffner voting against.

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

Under new business the following items were discussed:

- A. CEO McCorkle updated the Board on progress improving staff communication and education of employees and the Board.
- B. CEO McCorkle discussed job descriptions and duties of various employees.

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

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Secretary  
Approved:

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Chairman

## **POLICY REVIEW**

## **2016 AECI LOAD FORECAST STUDY**

## **2017 BUDGET**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **COMMUNICATION & TRAINING**

## **JOB DESCRIPTIONS & DUTIES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**