

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
July 26, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on July 26, 2017, 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, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Tom Williams, Matt Schlichting, Barbara Barley, Karl Morey, Charles Webb, and Karen Nims. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Dennis Gariss, Pat Marriott, Kenny Morris, Todd Suschnick, Tim Riley, Bobby Pulliam, Andy Marti, Travis Willhite, Chuck Wolfe, Tara Littlejohn, and David Engelage.

A prayer of invocation was offered by David Stump. Kevin Taffner led the Board in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting, membership applications, and June disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO Hull and Tara Littlejohn presented a preliminary budget for 2018. Cooperative employees were available to answer Board questions about the preliminary budget.

The Board reviewed bad debt and proposed write-offs from the third and fourth quarters of 2016. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board approved the write-offs as presented to the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVED**

**2018 BUDGET DRAFT**

**WRITE-OFFS**

Pat Marriott and Kenny Morris gave a report regarding a contact situation. Following their report, all employees left the meeting except for Tim Riley, Tara Littlejohn, Chuck Wolfe, Shawna Phipps, and David Engelage.

## **INCIDENT REPORT**

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Operations, Accounting, Billing and Member Services. Items of interest included: demand metering; improved cash flow; and key ratios. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

David Engelage presented the Safety Report for June operations. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

## **SAFETY REPORT**

Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, and David Engelage left the meeting.

President Kenny Owen and CEO Hull reported their attendance to the KAMO Board meeting. Items of interest included: transmission arbitration; safety report; substation improvements; legal expenses; sales; KAMO financials and operations; transmission grid security developments; wind farm proposals; and rates.

## **KAMO REPORT**

Director Tom Williams presented information and from Board Leadership Training and led the Board in a discussion regarding cooperative and Board member communications.

## **BOARD LEADERSHIP TRAINING REPORT**

CEO Hull presented his monthly report which included: AMEC legislative efforts; KAMO rates; employee surveys; Board training; new road discussion; Triple Circuit Tour; strategic planning; member business expansion plans; new employees; facilities improvements; and Empire wind project. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Karen Nims and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

## **CEO REPORT**

The Board reviewed Policy 100.

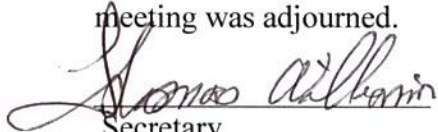
## **POLICY 100**

Attorney Battagler reviewed Policy 200.

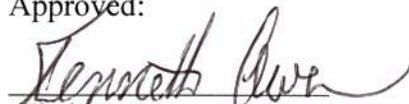
The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

The President asked for new business. There was none.

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

  
Secretary

Approved:

  
Chairman

**POLICY 200**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**