

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
July 31, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on July 31, 2019, 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, Matt Schlichting, Karl Morey, Tom Williams, Charles Webb, and Karen Nims. Directors absent: Jerry Marti. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, David Engelage, and Erick Snodgrass. Special guest David Tudor of AECEI was also present.

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 26, 2019 meeting, membership applications, and May 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.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Operations, Accounting, Billing and Member Services. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

David Tudor provided a detailed update on activities at AECEI.

The Board reviewed uncollectible accounts with recommendation that the amount be written off the books of the Cooperative. On motion made by Matt

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**AECEI UPDATE**

**WRITE-OFFS**

Schlichting, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to write off uncollected accounts in the amount of \$4,144.71 as uncollectible for accounting purposes and to continue to pursue reasonable collection efforts.

The Board reviewed the Cooperative's Form 990. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Matt Schlichting, and passed, the Board resolved to approve the Form 990 as presented.

David Engelage presented the Safety Report for June. He discussed the following: no accidents, no work comp claims, no near misses; recent training; inspections; drug testing; clean-up of spilled oil; health fair; safety committee meeting; MECIP audit; and Federated audit. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: financials; construction; changes in staff positions; security audit; fiber study; communications plan; and K-PowerNet update.

CEO Hull reported his attendance to AMEC. He reported on the following: legislative summary.

CEO Hull presented his monthly report He reported on: fiber to the home feasibility study; AECI Annual Meeting; Thomas Hill Power Plant 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Federated report; Rural Missouri update; medical marijuana update; pasture restoration; irrigation; survey of HQ property; FEMA request; ADM update; Empire/Liberty Wind Farm issues; truck purchase; and Murphy Farm Line Extension. On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

On motion made by Charles Webb, second by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to allow management to charge line extension cost for a three phase conversion and to give credit for the value of a single phase upgrade.

## **FORM 990**

## **SAFETY REPORT**

## **KAMO BOARD REPORT**

## **AMEC BOARD REPORT**

## **CEO REPORT**

## **MURPHY FARM LINE EXTENSION**

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board approved Policy 620 as presented.

**POLICY 620**

Policy 625 was presented for review.

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CEO Hull presented a proposal to hire Conexon to perform a feasibility study for a fiber to the home project. No action was taken at this time.

**FIBER TO THE HOME  
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The Board was presented with a proposal from Briscoe, Burke & Grigsby to perform the 2019 Audit. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to hire Briscoe, Burke & Grigsby for the 2019 Audit.

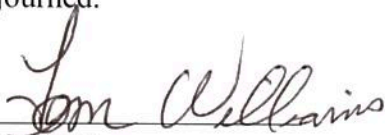
**AUDITOR**

The President asked for new business. The Board discussed the following: member concerns; bylaw review; retirement gift information; and CEO Evaluation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**



Secretary

Approved:



Chairman