

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
June 26, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on June 26, 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, Jerry Marti, and Karen Nims. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Tara Littlejohn, Tim Riley, David Engelage, and Sharla Wilkerson. Special guests Joe Wilkinson and Ken Wilmot of AECI were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Ken Wilmot provided a welcome message and some basic information about AECI facilities and operations. At this time, Mr. Wilmot left the meeting.

**WELCOME MESSAGE**

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting, membership applications, and April disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were approved as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVED**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

David Engelage presented the Safety Report for May. He discussed the following: no accidents, no work comp claims, no near misses; recent training; inspections; communications equipment; tornado restorations and repairs; Federated audit report; and MECIP audit. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

## **SAFETY REPORT**

Joe Wilkinson from AECI gave a report on AECI operations. He provided information on dispatch considerations relating to AECI generation assets.

## **AECI UPDATE**

Brian Ackerman entered the meeting. He presented an update on generation issues and the assets AECI uses to serve its members.

## **AECI GENERATION UPDATE**

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: financials; storm damage; work plan amendments; and K-PowerNet update.

## **KAMO BOARD REPORT**

CEO Hull reported his attendance to AMEC. He reported on the following: legal and political activities and scholarship discussions.

## **AMEC BOARD REPORT**

CEO Hull presented his monthly report He reported on: AECI activities including generation highlights; operations; financials; budget; land survey; Liberty Wind Farm information; medical marijuana update; storm response; construction and line extension concerns; and proposal for a bucket truck in 2020. On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

## **CEO REPORT**

On motion made seconded and passed, the Board approved inclusion of a bucket truck in the 2020 budget and authorized staff to pre-order the truck.

## **2020 BUDGET LINE ITEM APPROVAL**

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board approved Policies 610, 610-A and 610-B as presented.

## **POLICIES 610, 610-A, & 610-B**

Policy 620 was presented for review.

## **POLICY 620**

The Board Entered into Executive Session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board returned to its regular meeting. The President asked for unfinished business. The Board discussed follow up with KAMO regarding interaction with a member.


**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The President asked for new business. A discussion was held regarding review of the Cooperative's Bylaws.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

  
Secretary

Approved:

  
Chairman