

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
January 29, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on January 29, 2020, 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, Karen Nims, and Jerry Marti. Directors absent: Charles Webb. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, David Engelage, Bobby Pulliam, Todd Suschnick, Sharla Wilkerson, and Tara Littlejohn; and Chris Massman of AMEC.

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

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting, membership applications, and December disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were approved as presented.

Chris Massman presented the Board with information on AMEC’s Annual Meeting voting system.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Operations, Accounting, Billing and Member Services. Topics of interest included: reliability; cost of service; safety; write-offs; annual meeting; electronic voting; FEMA process; Directors’ Conference; KAMO annual meeting; Thomas Hill tour; Christmas on our lines information; Rural Missouri update; SCADA and system controls; right-of-way update; and financial report and update. On

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

AMEC IPAD VOTING INFO

**STAFF REPORTS &
STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE**

motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

David Engelage presented the Safety Report for December. He discussed the following: OSHA reporting and data; DART info; no accidents; no work comp claims; one near miss; training; safety meeting report; and equipment testing. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to write off uncollected accounts in the amount of \$7,900.44 as uncollectible for accounting purposes and to continue to pursue reasonable collection efforts.

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: personnel changes; safety update; policy updates; and legislative dinner.

CEO Hull presented his monthly report. He reported on: legislative update; AECI update; Federated update; NRECA update; Empire rate increase; City of Lamar; State Legislative Conference; Liberty Wind update; and KRTA training. On motion made by David Stump, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

CEO Hull and staff presented a member concern regarding the Cooperative's irrigation policy.

CEO Hull and staff led the Board in an extensive discussion regarding rates and rate structures.

On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Karen Nims and passed, the Board approved Policy 101 as presented.

On motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board approved Policy 653 as presented.

Policy 515 was presented for review.

SAFETY REPORT

WRITE-OFFS

KAMO BOARD REPORT

CEO REPORT

MEMBER CONCERN

RATE DISCUSSION

POLICY 101

POLICY 653

POLICY 515

Policy 655 was presented for review.

POLICY 655

President Kenny Owen called for unfinished business. There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Kenny Owen called for new business. CEO Hull discussed details of an upcoming meeting with irrigation members.

NEW BUSINESS

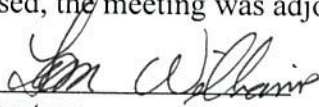
Staff members were excused from the meeting.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following Executive Session, there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by David Stump and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary

Approved:

Chairman