

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on July 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, Charles Webb, and Jerry Marti. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, Sharla Wilkerson, Tara Littlejohn, Todd Suschnick, and David Engelage.

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

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes of June 24, 2020 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.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Safety, Operations, Accounting, Billing and Member Services. Topics of interest included: tool testing; inspections; write-offs; collections; Annual Meeting; right-of-way; new construction; lightning damage; blinks caused by birds; vegetation management; outage report; and capital credits. On motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Karen Nims and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

The Board reviewed uncollectible accounts with recommendation that the amount be written off the books of the Cooperative. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to write off uncollected accounts in the amount of \$5,195.36 as uncollectible for accounting purposes and to continue to pursue reasonable collection efforts.

WRITE-OFFS

On motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board approved retirement of \$606,399.02 in capital credits.

CAPITAL CREDITS

On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved that the Cooperative attorney, Shawn Battagler, be and is appointed the Cooperative Parliamentarian for the conduct of the business portion of the 2020 Annual Meeting of Members, and resolved that the decisions of the Parliamentarian of the 2020 Annual Meeting of Members on disputed matters, whether procedural or substantive, shall be final.

ANNUAL MEETING PARLIAMENTARIAN

CEO Hull and Shawna Phipps presented a proposal for a drive-through annual meeting. On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve the new annual meeting proposal.

ANNUAL MEETING

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: financials; steering committee report; EV charging stations; environmental concerns; Mitch McCumber retirement; and AECI update.

KAMO BOARD REPORT

CEO Hull presented his monthly report. He reported on the following: AMEC update; AECI update; Liberty Wind update; Federated Report; Wisper update; meetings with legislators; and broadband discussions. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

CEO REPORT

Policy 680 was presented for review and approval. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 680 as presented.

POLICY 680

Policy 685 was presented for review.

Staff members were excused from the meeting.

On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board entered into Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, President Kenny Owen called for unfinished business. There was none.

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



Secretary

Approved:



Chairman

POLICY 685

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT