

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
March 25, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on March 25, 2020, via telephone, 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 via telephone: Kenny Owen, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Matt Schlichting, Karl Morey, Tom Williams, Karen Nims, Charles Webb, and Jerry Marti. Directors absent: none. Also present by phone were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, David Engelage, Sharla Wilkerson, and Tara Littlejohn.

On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Karen Nims and passed, the Board unanimously ratified the President's decision to hold the March Board meeting by teleconference.

A prayer of invocation was offered by CEO Hull. Kenny Owen led the Board in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting, membership applications, and February disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by David Stump, seconded by Charles Webb 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. Topics of interest included: payment activity; maintenance activities and challenges; key ratios; and moving capital credit retirements to May. On motion made by Tom

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

**MEETING BY
TELECONFERENCE**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

Williams, seconded by Karen Nims and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

David Engelage presented the Safety Report for February. Inspections; training; and demonstrations to schools. On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Matt Schlichting 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; work plan update; safety update; COVID-19 challenges; work amendments; and the next three meetings scheduled by conference call.

CEO Hull presented his monthly report. He reported on: demand information for commercial accounts; Grain Belt update; NRECA report; AMEC update; Federated update; irrigation update; AECI update; Liberty Wind update; rescheduling power plant tour; and Annual Meeting concerns. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

The Board discussed the need to change the Annual Meeting. On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to postpone the Annual Meeting indefinitely due to the governor's directive to not have meetings of more than 10 people.

The Board discussed having the April Board meeting by teleconference, if necessary.

CEO Hull presented information on Cooperative office and operational changes due to the COVID-19 situation.

Policy 663 was presented for review.

Staff members were excused from the meeting.

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

SAFETY REPORT

KAMO BOARD REPORT

CEO REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL BOARD MEETING

OFFICE & OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19

POLICY 663

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary

Approved:


Chairman