

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
November 24, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on November 24, 2020, at the Thiebaud Auditorium 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, Charlie Lathrop, Charles Webb, and Jerry Marti. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Darynne O'Neal, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, Sharla Wilkerson, Tara Littlejohn, and David Engelage.

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2020, membership applications, check register, and October 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVED**

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: notice of special meeting; financials; PPE and equipment testing; disconnect report; member assistance; and sales. On motion made by Charlie Lathrop, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports. On further motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to approve the Safety Report as presented.

**STAFF REPORTS**

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: financials; virtual meetings and in-person meetings; construction and maintenance; electric vehicles; staff updates; and fiber policy update.

## **KAMO BOARD REPORT**

CEO Hull presented his monthly report. He reported on the following: NRECA update; AECI update; Ameren charging station; Energy and Electric Cooperatives Joint Meeting; AMEC update; Federated update; Liberty Wind update; and Annual Meeting plan. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

## **CEO REPORT**

The Board reviewed its calendar for 2021. On motion made, seconded, and passed, the Board resolved to approve the 2021 Calendar as presented.

## **2021 CALENDAR**

Policy 401 was presented for review and approval. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 401 as presented.

## **POLICY 401**

Policy 705 was presented for review and approval. On motion made by Charlie Lathrop, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 705 as presented.

## **POLICY 705**

The board reviewed the 2021 Budget. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charlie Lathrop and passed, the Board approved the 2021 Budget as presented. Jerry Marti opposed the motion.

## **2021 BUDGET**

The Board discussed the Annual Meeting. They discussed drive thru registration and voting, and, if necessary, offering a meeting at Thiebaud Auditorium. On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the Board resolved to approve the Annual Meeting plan as presented.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Board discussed a rate abatement. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by David Stump and passed the Board approved a rate abatement of up to

## **RATE ABATEMENT**

\$1.5 million. Jerry Marty and Kevin Taffner opposed the motion.

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

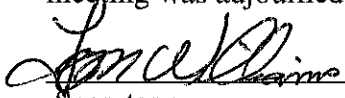
President Kenny Owen called for new business. There was none.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

  
Secretary

Approved:  
  
Chairman