

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
July 28, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on July 28, 2021, 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; Megan Ray, General Counsel; staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, Sharla Wilkerson, Tara Littlejohn, and David Engelage.

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

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2021, membership applications, check register, and June disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were 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: pole change out work; KAMO outage; donation budget; new employees; fiber analysis; and EV charging station rate design. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Charlie Lathrop and passed, the Board resolved to accept the 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 Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to write off uncollected accounts in the amount of \$2,211.35 as uncollectible for accounting

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**WRITE-OFFS**

purposes and to continue to pursue reasonable collection efforts.

David Engelage presented the Safety Report. He discussed the following: no accidents; no workers' compensation claims; annual health fair; and harassment training. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve the Safety Report as presented.

#### **SAFETY REPORT**

President Owen presented the KAMO Report. Items of interest included: safety; finances; member services; cybersecurity; and construction.

#### **KAMO REPORT**

CEO Hull presented the AMEC Report. Items of interest included: director's conference recap; District IV meeting recap; and upcoming board meeting.

#### **AMEC REPORT**

CEO Hull presented his monthly report. He reported on the following: AECI virtual annual meeting recap; AECI update; Federated update; CFC annual meeting recap; CFC update; NRECA update; economic development meeting; and broadband update. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

#### **CEO REPORT**

Tara Littlejohn presented information on past annual meeting expenses and formats. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the Board resolved to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting in the same format as the 2021 Annual Meeting.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION**

Tara Littlejohn discussed the possibility of deferring 2021 revenue. The Board requested management obtain additional information and advice from the Cooperative's auditor. After discussion, on motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Chuck Webb, and passed, the Board resolved to increase the maintenance expense budget by \$150,000.

#### **DEFERRED REVENUE**

#### **MAINTENANCE EXPENSE BUDGET INCREASE**

Policy 200 was presented for review and approval. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 200 as presented.

#### **POLICY 200**

Policy 201 was presented for review.

#### **POLICY 201**

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Chuck Webb, and passed, the Board elected CEO Hull as NRECA Regional Meeting Voting Delegate and Kevin Taffner as Alternate.

**NRECA REGIONAL MEETING  
VOTING DELEGATE &  
ALTERNATE**

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

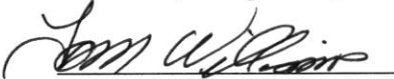
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

  
Secretary

Approved:

  
Chairman