

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
December 27, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on December 27, 2017, 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, Tom Williams, Matt Schlichting, Barbara Barley, Karl Morey, Charles Webb, and Karen Nims. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Chuck Wolfe, Tara Littlejohn, David Engelage, and Tim Riley.

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

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting, membership applications, and November disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded 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. Items of interest included: right-of-way; staffing; and budget variances. On 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 November operations including no injuries, no incidents, and training. On motion made by Matt

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

SAFETY REPORT

Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

President Kenny Owen and CEO Hull reported their attendance to the KAMO Board meeting. Items of interest included: capital budget; radio project; hazard mitigation plan; margins; fiber project proposals; NERC compliance; and IT.

Kevin Taffner reported his attendance to the meeting of AMEC. Items of interest included: safety and electrical contacts; legislative activities; solar company advertising practices; Volkswagen settlement money; and Legislative Fish Fry.

CEO Hull presented his monthly report which included: ADM work; outage management; area road project; rural broadband; strategic plan goals; pre-pay notices; Empire Wind Project; and benefits plan issues. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

The Board reviewed Policy 200, Director Duties and Standards of Conduct. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to approve Policy 200 as presented to the meeting.

The Board discussed proposed revisions to Policy 603, Paid Time Off.

The Board reviewed Policy 201, Board Meetings.

On motion made by Kevin Taffner, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve the 2018 Calendar as amended.

All employees left the meeting except Tara Littlejohn.

The Board entered into Executive Session. (Tara Littlejohn left during the Executive Session).

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

KAMO REPORT

AMEC REPORT

CEO REPORT

POLICY 200, DIRECTOR DUTIES & STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

POLICY 603, PAID TIME OFF

POLICY 201, BOARD MEETINGS

2018 CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE SESSION

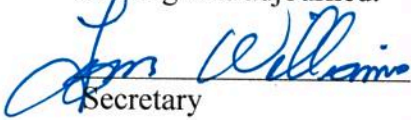
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President asked for new business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary

Approved:


Chairman