

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
January 25, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on January 25, 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, Max Walters, Jerry Thieman, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Tom Williams, Barbara Barley, Matt Schlichting, and Karl Morey. Directors absent: none. Also present were Russell McCorkle, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Jeff Hull, Rusty Endicott, Shawna Phipps, Tara Littlejohn, Sharla Wilkerson, and Chuck Wolfe.

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

Cooperative members requested the opportunity to address the Board. Staff members were excused from the meeting. Christy Heins, Rile Friend, and Kim Friend entered the meeting. Following discussion, they were excused from the meeting and staff members re-entered the meeting.

The agenda of the January 25 meeting was presented. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes of the meeting of December 28, 2016 were presented. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 15 applications for membership. On motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

MEMBER REQUEST

AGENDA APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED

NEW MEMBERS

The Board reviewed the list of December disbursements. After questions and discussion, on motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to accept the report of disbursements and Manager expense report.

DISBURSEMENTS

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

STAFF REPORTS

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for November operations. Rusty Endicott referred the Board to the details of the written Safety Report. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

SAFETY REPORT

The Board reviewed a list of proposed bad debt write-offs through 2016. After discussion, on motion made by Max Walters, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board resolved to approve the write-offs.

BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS

Staff members Shawna Phipps, Rusty Endicott, Jeff Hull, and Sharla Wilkerson left the meeting.

Max Walters and CEO McCorkle reported their attendance to the KAMO Board meeting held by telephone due to weather. Items of interest included: KAMO financials and operations; legal expense update; AECI update; update on fiber construction; transmission issues; and radio system improvements.

KAMO REPORT

Tara Littlejohn presented the Financial Report for December operations which included the general ledger report of income and expenses year-to-date compared to budget. She discussed the upcoming audit and presented information regarding 2016 year-end financials.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chuck Wolfe provided the Board the written Right-of-Way Report and IT Report. He presented the monthly Operations Report. Items of interest included: pole change outs; new service conversion and construction; right-of-way management; update on wire theft cases; work plan progress; contractor management; 2016

RIGHT-OF-WAY, IT, & OPERATIONS REPORTS

totals compared to budget; ice storm preparations and weather related outages; and 2016 summary of right-of-way work and construction.

CEO McCorkle, Chuck Wolfe, and Tara Littlejohn were excused from the meeting. Member Darek Colaw entered the meeting and addressed the Board. Following discussion, Mr. Colaw left the meeting.

CEO McCorkle, Chuck Wolfe, and Tara Littlejohn reentered the meeting.

CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which included: attendance to CEO training; ice storm issues; equipment issues; rate discussions; and contractor issues. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to appoint CEO McCorkle as CFC Voting Delegate.

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the Board resolved to move the March Board meeting to March 28.

Angela Moore entered the meeting.

Michelle Page entered the meeting to provide information regarding employee benefits.

Mike Lewis with CFC called in for a conference call with the Board to present information regarding rate structure options.

On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to implement a rate adjustment, as reflected in option 4, as prepared by CFC and presented to the Board, setting the monthly service charge on rate class 1 to \$35 per month; and energy charge for rate class 1 to \$0.11331 per kWh, effective June 1, 2017.

Chuck Wolfe, Tara Littlejohn, and Angela Moore were excused from the meeting.

MEMBER CONCERN

CEO REPORT

CFC VOTING DELEGATE

MARCH BOARD MEETING

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

RATE DISCUSSION

RATE ADJUSTMENT

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President asked for new business. The Board discussed upcoming training for Directors.

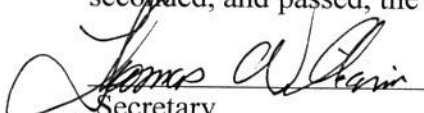
NEW BUSINESS

The Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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