

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
September 28, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative") was held on September 28, 2016, 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; Rod Widger, General Counsel; and staff members Jeff Hull, Rusty Endicott, Shawna Phipps, and Sharla Wilkerson.

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

The agenda of the September 28 meeting was presented. On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the meeting of August 31, 2016 were presented. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

CEO McCorkle presented a list of 33 applications for membership. On motion made by Jerry Thieman, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board resolved to approve the memberships.

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

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**AGENDA APPROVED**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

leaders answered questions about department activities. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Jerry Thieman and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

The Board reviewed the written Safety Report for August operations. Rusty Endicott reported no injuries and referred the Board to the details of the written Safety Report. On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by David Stump and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

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

Max Walters and CEO McCorkle reported their attendance to the KAMO Board meeting. Items of interest included: KAMO financials and operations; legal expense update; AECI update; line construction close-outs; and CEO evaluation.

CEO McCorkle presented the Financial Report for August operations which included the general ledger report of income and expenses year-to-date compared to budget. He also spoke about significant budget variances. He explained the margin surplus compared to budget and noted that controllable expenses were 12% below budget. He presented the schedule for a presentation of the Cooperative's Cost of Service Study.

CEO McCorkle presented the monthly Operations Report. Items of interest included: pole change outs; new service conversion and construction; contractor work plan work; headquarters area service revision; recloser outages; right-of-way expenses; 2017 pole change out contract; right-of-way management crew locations; and employment of an apprentice.

CEO McCorkle presented his monthly report which included: attendance to NISC Executive Training; fiber to home discussions; Managers Conference highlights; AECI solar initiative; CFC update; employee training opportunities; RUS update; AMEC update and rate increase proposal; and Federated report. The Board discussed after hours use of shop facilities by Cooperative employees. The Manager

## **SAFETY REPORT**

## **KAMO REPORT**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

## **CEO REPORT**

was directed to cause employee personal maintenance activity on Cooperative premises to cease. The Board also discussed wage and hour training. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Kevin Taffner and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

Parker Rose and Cassidy Beem entered the meeting to report their attendance with the 2016 Youth Tour. Following their presentation, they were excused from the meeting.

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Barbara Barley and passed, the Board resolved to engage Brisco, Burke & Grigsby, L.L.P., for the Cooperative's 2016 Audit.

On motion made by Barbara Barley, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to conduct a special meeting on October 3, 2016, for presentation of the cost of service study effecting rates and a special meeting on October 11, 2016, for presentation of a draft 2017 budget.

After discussion, on motion made by Karl Morey, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to approve and re-adopt Policy 670 Tobacco Free Workplace, Policy 700 Whistle Blower, Policy 705 Identity Theft Prevention, and Policy 710 Records Management, as amended and presented to the meeting.

The President asked for unfinished business. There was none.

The President asked for new business. There was none.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

## **YOUTH TOUR**

## **2016 AUDIT**

## **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

## **POLICY REVIEW**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **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**

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Secretary  
Approved:

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Chairman