

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****June 30, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Cooperative office, at 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road, Oxford, Ohio on June 30, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Bob Hoelle at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were: Bob Hoelle, David Evans, Butch Foster, Jay Hasbrook, Ron Kolb, Jim Meador, Bob Spaeth and Mike Tilton. Tom McQuiston was absent. Others present were: Lee Geiger, Attorney; Tom Wolfenbarger, General Manager; Greg Phillips, Director of Corporate Services; Judie Persinger, Director of Accounting & Finance; Michael Murray, Director of Operations; Lisa Staggs Herrmann, Director of Member and Community Relations; Julie Abbott, Director of Administration; Charlie Young, Manager of Engineering; and Adam Osborn, Manager of Safety and Compliance. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and invocation by Jay Hasbrook.

MINUTES

Minutes for the May 26, 2021 board meeting were submitted prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 26, 2021. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS**REVIEW STATEMENTS AND CHECKS**

The financial statements were presented to the Board by Judie Persinger. Bob Hoelle reviewed the checks written for the month of May. A motion was made Mike Tilton, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the past payment of bills be approved and the unaudited financial statements be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Charlie Young reviewed proposed changes to the Construction Work Plan as presented in May. The proposed revised plan includes a reduction in total Construction Work Plan Costs. He provided a resolution for action to approve the 2022-2025 Construction Work Plan. Butch Foster motioned, with a second by Mike Tilton, to approve the 2022-2025 Construction Work Plan resolution as presented with the latest changes. Motion carried.

Charlie reviewed the fiber progress on Butler's system, four new net-metering systems, and the May solar production. He included graphs of the SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI reliability reports.

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on safety and compliance training and activities and the safety committee meeting in May. This report included field visits, and a vehicle incident. He reviewed the Safety Improvement Plan (SIP) and presented a new Pandemic Plan section to be included in the Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP). Trustees are to review the plan and Adam will ask for action at the July board meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reported on the activities of the internal operation crews. This included pole replacements and the replacement of equipment. The crews replaced a regulator and performed maintenance at substations. Mike provided a service interruption report for the month of May.

Mike presented information on a relocation of line at the intersection of Hamilton-New London Road and US 27. The work is not included in the current Construction Work Plan. Butch Foster motioned, with a second by Bob Spaeth to approve the relocation as presented. Motion carried.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Lisa Herrmann reported on a member issue and concerns and reviewed the 2021 board election results. She provided an update on SmartHub and paperless billing. Lisa presented information of several sponsorship opportunities for the cooperative. One sponsorship opportunity is to be a Community Park and Amphitheater Event Sponsor in Trenton. Mike Tilton made a motion, seconded by Jim Meador, to participate in this sponsorship. Motion carried.

\$85 Bill Credit Winners

Matthew Larsh

Barbara Rubenacker

Tonya L. Yates

Fred Bisdorf

Clifton Powell

Thomas Burns

Charles R. Jenkins

CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE

Greg Phillips reported on a red flag event and presented a new section to include in the Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP) on internet connectivity. Trustees will have the opportunity to review, and action will be requested for approval at the July board meeting.

VOIDED AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Jim Meador, that 94 members be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for the month of May. There were two voided memberships in May. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the past payment of capital credits for 18 estates, totaling \$63,099.94 be approved. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDIT SETOFFS

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Mike Tilton that five capital credit setoffs totaling \$1,902.30 be approved. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$1,995.77 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for May. A motion was made by David Evans, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to write off bad debts. Motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

It was moved by Jim Meador, seconded by Mike Tilton, that the Manager's expense report for January in the amount of \$10.64 be approved. Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT

Lee Geiger reported on the review of a member issue and assistance with loan applications. He announced the upcoming July 12 nominating committee meeting.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT**STATEWIDE REPORT**

An electronic report was submitted to the Trustees prior to the meeting by Tom McQuiston.

BUCKEYE POWER INC.

Tom Wolfenbarger submitted an electronic report of the Buckeye Power, Inc. board meeting prior to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott shared member survey comments and compliments with the Trustees from the past month. She reviewed upcoming training and meetings scheduled for the Board. Julie reported on a new employee scheduled to begin employment in July in the engineering department.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger presented proposed drafts out of the Cost of Service Study of the Time of Use Rate, EV Service Rider, and miscellaneous availability updates to the existing rate schedules. He will ask for approval at a future board meeting. He requested approval of proposed edits to the availability definitions for Rate Schedules DF-05, Dual Fuel Discount, GS-07 Geothermal Heat Pump and CS-36 Community Solar. A motion was made by Butch Foster, with a second by Bob Spaeth, to approve the information as presented. Motion carried.

Tom reported on an issue with a second shift employee while serving jury duty. He proposed an addition to include language in Policy E212 to address any future issues of this nature. Jay Hasbrook made a motion, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve the proposed change to Policy E212. Motion carried.

Tom submitted a manager's activities report.

POWER REQUIREMENT STUDY

Tom Wolfenbarger reviewed the 2021 Power Requirement Study prepared by Buckeye Power, Inc. which included forecast growth and comparisons. He requested approval of a resolution of the information provided. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, with a second by Bob Spaeth, to approve the resolution for the 2021 Power Requirement Study as presented. Motion carried. (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was shared with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned by Bob Hoelle at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Evans".

David Evans, Secretary/Treasurer