

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 24, 2020

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 24, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Tom McQuiston at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were: Tom McQuiston, Bob Hoelle, David Evans, Butch Foster, Jay Hasbrook, Ron Kolb, Jim Meador, Bob Spaeth and Mike Tilton. Others present were: Thomas Humbach, Attorney; Lee Geiger, Attorney; Greg Phillips, Director of Corporate Services; Tom Wolfenbarger, Director of Engineering & Planning; 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; and Adam Osborn, Manager of Safety and Compliance. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and invocation by Bob Spaeth.

Tom McQuiston announced Tom Wolfenbarger as the new General Manager for the cooperative to the staff.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Bob Hoelle, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 27, 2020. The motion also included suspending the reading of the minutes. 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 Butch Foster, that the past payment of bills be approved and the unaudited financial statements be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger reported on the Tolbert transformer replacement bidding and recommendation for purchase. An amendment has been submitted to the construction work plan to include the transformer. A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve the resolution to purchase a transformer from Waukesha/SPX Transformer Solutions, Inc. on a RUS198 contract. Motion carried. (see attached)

Tom reviewed the fiber progress on Butler's system, three new net-metering systems, and the latest on the solar/windmill inquiry. He provided an update on the roof lawsuit.

A review was made of the community solar monthly production and SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI reliability reports.

POWER REQUIREMENT STUDY

Tom Wolfenbarger reviewed the 2020 Power Requirement Study prepared by Buckeye Power, highlighting consumer classes, system power requirements, variation of consumer usage, energy purchases, demand and number of consumers forecast, and compared the 2020 to the 2019 Power Requirement Study. It was moved by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Jim Meador, to approve the resolution of the 2020 Power Requirement Study as presented. Motion carried. (see attached)

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on safety and compliance training and activities for the month of May. This report included field visits, property damage and a Federated Insurance field visit. He reviewed the Federated crew audit report, including what areas are evaluated.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reported on the activities of the internal operation crews. This included construction work plan regulator and transformer work. The crews replaced and pulled poles and completed some substation work. He announced a development of 25 homes at South Farm off Kehr road. Mike provided an update on the septic system for the cooperative and reported on the outages for the month of May.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Lisa Herrmann reported on a member issue and concerns and reviewed the 2021 board election results. Lisa provided an update on communications, the fiber project and the solar panels available at MidWest cooperative. She addressed upcoming opening of the lobby and upcoming summer events. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, with a second by Jay Hasbrook, to cancel the 2020 golf outing and to donate \$8,000 to the Community Connection fund. Motion carried.

\$50 Annual Meeting--Bill Winners

Jason J. Martin

Mary E Bowen

Stephanie R. Robinson

Sandra K. Meyer

Amber D. Gentry

CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE

Greg Phillips provided an update on the RC3: Rural Cooperative Capabilities Program and options for future teleconferencing.

VOIDED AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Jim Meador, that 88 members be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for the month of May. There were three voided memberships in May. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Bob Spaeth, that the past payment of capital credits for eight estates, totaling \$12,054.90 be approved. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDIT SETOFFS

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Bob Spaeth that eight capital credit setoffs totaling \$2,045.29 be approved. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$642.00 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for May. A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Butch Foster, to write off bad debts. Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT

Tom Humbach provided the latest update on the Frontier bankruptcy. He received a court filing on an easement issue and is proceeding to protect the cooperative interest.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT**STATEWIDE REPORT**

There was no regular monthly meeting of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. in June.

BUCKEYE POWER INC.

There was no regular monthly meeting of the Buckeye Power, Inc. in June.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom McQuiston announced an upcoming NRECA board meeting. He clarified language in the General Manager resolution regarding cash pay out of vacation. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Butch Foster, to amend the resolution to match the policy of up to 80 hours of cash payment of vacation permitted in a year. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott provided an employee update and future CCD courses offered. The Cardinal Plant Tour has been cancelled for 2020.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger provided an update on House Bill 13 and on the reopening of the lobby on July 6, 2020.

OTHER COOPERATIVE BUSINESS

Bob Spaeth, chair of the Nominating and Election Committee, held a brief committee meeting following today's board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tom McQuiston shared thank-you cards and letters of correspondence with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned by Tom McQuiston at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Evans, Secretary/Treasurer