

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****JULY 28, 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 July 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Tom McQuiston at 9:00 a.m.

A new employee, Joshua Smock, was introduced to the Board.

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: Lee Geiger, Attorney; Tom Wolfenbarger, General Manager; Greg Phillips, Director of Corporate Services; Judie Persinger, Director of Accounting and 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 invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Bob Hoelle.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Butch Foster, seconded by Jim Meador, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 30, 2021, and the governance committee meeting on July 16, 2021, be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENT

Judie Persinger presented a comparison of retirement options and proposed a 2021 Capital Retirement recommendation.

PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to execute the retirement of capital credits in accordance with the Code of Regulations, and;

WHEREAS, the retirement of capital credits is based on the operating and non-operating margins of the Cooperative only, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has evaluated the financial condition of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., and;

WHEREAS, upon this analysis, the 2021 retirement of capital credits will not jeopardize the financial condition of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. and favorably meets the provisions of the Code of Regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the retirement of 90% of the 2005 patronage capital credit balance and 11.25% of 2020 patronage capital credit balance.

A motion was made by Jay Hasbrook, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

WHOLESALE POWER COST RETAIL RATE REPORT

Judie Persinger reported on the Wholesale Power Costs Retail Rate for 2021-2031 and reviewed the Variable and Non-Variable Rate Projection for 2021-2031. (See Attached Report)

RD APPLY

Judie Persinger presented an application intake system for RUS loans. The application requires a Board resolution.

RD APPLY RESOLUTION APPLICATION INTAKE SYSTEM FOR RUS LOANS

1. RESOLVED that Thomas Wolfenbarger, the General Manager of the Corporation, be the Certifier on behalf of the Corporation, who shall be responsible for submitting and certifying to the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, any and all data required by RD Apply Intake System;

2. RESOLVED that Judith Persinger, the Director of Accounting and Finance of the Corporation, be the Administrator on behalf of the Corporation, who shall give access to the Corporation's data, as appropriate, to other employees, officers, or contractors of the Corporation, for the purpose of complying with the RD Apply Intake System; and

3. RESOLVED that both shall comply with the Instructions for RD Apply Intake System in regard to use of the government's data collection system.

A motion was made by Butch Foster, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

RUS LOAN APPLICATION AL 8

Judie Persinger provided information for an RUS Loan application and loan fund for the construction work plan for 2022-2025. She presented three resolutions along with additional certifications. It was motioned by Butch Foster, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to approve the Ten-Year Financial Forecast resolution as presented. Mike Tilton motioned, with a second by Butch Foster, to approve the resolution requesting a FFB loan as presented. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Jim Meador to approve the resolution increasing the debt limit and to update policy A3 as presented. All three motions carried. (see resolutions attached)

ENGINEERING REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger reported for Charlie Young on the fiber process for Butler and member sites. Project completion is expected in August with four additional SCADA sites and approximately 200 additional doors passed. Butler and Cincinnati Bell are requesting funding from Butler County Commissioners to connect approximately 1,900 members. Graphs were provided of the community solar production and SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI reliability reports.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on the Safety and Compliance training and activities for the month of June which included crew observations, a recordable injury, a Federated visit, and performance measures. He reviewed sections from the 2021 pandemic plan to be included in the emergency restoration plan (ERP). Action was requested for the addition of the internet connectivity section and section 12.0 pandemic response plan to the emergency restoration plan that was presented in June. A motion was made by Jay Hasbrook, seconded by Ron Kolb, to approve the addition of the internet connectivity and section 12.0 pandemic plan response into the cooperative ERP. Motion carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reported on activities of the internal crews including security lights, pole replacements and substation work. Reily Woods lights were disconnected in June. Mike reviewed outage switching in July and provided a Service Interruption Report for the month of June.

MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE

Lisa Staggs Herrmann reviewed member issues and concerns and provided an events update in the upcoming months. Lisa reported on the Touchstone Energy Solutions Committee meeting and Touchstone Energy National Media Buy. An electric vehicle event is planned for October 12.

\$85 BILL CREDIT WINNERS

Cecil Barrett	Doug T. Bailey	Debbie Joseph
Patrick Cifuentes	Michael Goins	Douglas Smith
Sean Brinkman		

CORPORATE SERVICES

Greg Phillips reported on cybersecurity activity and red flag events.

VOIDED AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Mike Tilton, that 83 members be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for June. There were four voided memberships for the month of June. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the payment of 13 capital credits or estates, totaling \$44,675.88 be approved. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS - SETOFF

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Mike Tilton, that five capital credit setoffs totaling \$1,368.52 be approved. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$3,952.76 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for June. A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to write-off bad debts. Motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

It was moved by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Jim Meador, that the Manager's expense report for June in the amount of \$385.64 be approved. Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE

Lee Geiger reported on the July nominating committee meeting and responded to the Board on an issue from last month.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT**STATEWIDE REPORT**

Tom McQuiston submitted an electronic report of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. regular monthly meeting prior to the meeting. He announced the new NRECA elected representative for Ohio.

BUCKEYE POWER INC.

Tom Wolfenbarger provided an electronic report of the regular monthly meeting of Buckeye Power, Inc. prior to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom McQuiston provided an electronic report of the virtual NRECA summer board meeting prior to the meeting.

Tom McQuiston submitted a ballot for CoBank board elections.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Julie Abbott provided an update on employee training and on the July Nominating Committee meeting. She provided information for the upcoming OEC Summer Conference and the Regional 1 & 4 Meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger provided a roof update from Droder & Miller. He provided a manager's activities report.

OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**CORRESPONDENCE**

Items of correspondence were received by the Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to discuss, Tom McQuiston adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Evans, Secretary Treasurer