

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****February 24, 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 February 24, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Tom McQuiston.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Mike Tilton, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2021, be approved. The motion also included suspending the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT**REVIEW STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN**

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

ENGINEERING REPORT

Charlie Young provided the latest update on the fiber progress with Cincinnati Bell to Butler and member sites. He reported on net metering systems connected and community solar production for the past month. Charlie presented SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI outage graphs.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on the activities of Safety & Compliance for the month of January including crew observations and a Federated crew audit. Butler's performance measures were updated to reflect 2020 performance. There were no injuries or property damage reported in January. Adam included in his report, training for January.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reported on the activities of the internal line crews for the month which included pole replacements and subdivision work. Crews began the installation of the infrastructure of the last phase of the Whitewater Trails Subdivision. He submitted an outage report for the month of January.

MEMBER SERVICES

Lisa Herrmann reviewed member issues and concerns for the month. She also gave an update on the April 29 virtual Annual Meeting and the Reily Woods Lights next steps. There was discussion on the likelihood of having Family Day this year and what it might look like.

Annual Meeting \$50 Bill Credit Winners:

Ruth L. Obermeyer
Daniel Feldhaus

Edward Sunderhaus
Mary Traynor

Donald H. Mitchell

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Greg Phillips reported on a phishing test and red flag events in the past month. He provided an update on the cyber security program and the switching process of CallNet to a secure service.

VOIDED & NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Jim Meador, that 62 memberships be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for January. There were no voided memberships this month. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

There were no capital credits submitted for approval for the month of January.

CAPITAL CREDITS SETOFFS

A total of four setoffs totaling \$3,389.75 were submitted for January. A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, to approve the setoffs. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$6,350.38 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for January. A motion was made Mike Tilton, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, to write off bad debts. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Bob Spaeth, that the Manager's expense report for January in the amount of \$10.64 be approved. Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE

Lee Geiger and Tom Humbach reported on the Attorney Association meeting attended earlier in the month. Tom reported on a member issue.

Tom Humbach asked for two candidates for the Nominating Committee for the Districts in which they reside. The following candidates were provided for the 2022 election.

District #1

Larry Niehoff
Susan Rooney

District #2

Steve Black
Bob Ison

District #3

Fred (Ted) Cornthwaite
Lewis Willeford

District #4

Karen Emerick
Christine Geisen

District #5

Christopher Flowers
Steven Wells

District #6

Ernst Schlichter
Mike Egbert

District #7

Glenn Beckett
Ralph Gross

District #8

Tom Boyd
Darryl Huff

District #9

June Niederman
Kenneth Wayne Estep

TRUSTEE'S REPORT**BUCKEYE POWER INC.**

Tom Wolfenbarger reported on the regular monthly meeting of the Buckeye Power, Inc. Board of Trustees. An electronic report was submitted to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

STATEWIDE REPORT

Tom McQuiston submitted an electronic report of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. regular monthly meeting prior to the meeting. He reviewed highlights from the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report.

NRECA 2630 COURSE

Jay Hasbrook commented on the virtual NRECA 2630 Strategic Planning course he attended earlier in the month.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott reported on the hiring of an electrical planning engineer, training and meetings for the month, and the employee health screening.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger asked for board action on the ten policy updates presented to the Board at the January Board Meeting. A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, with a second by Jay Hasbrook, to approve the policy changes as presented in January. Motion carried. There was discussion on Trustees receiving only one per diem per day when two different meetings may occur on the same day.

Tom presented net billing policies, agreements, and resolutions received from Buckeye Power on February 18 for review. The policies allow for the Board to grandfather existing net metering systems. He will ask for board action at the March board meeting.

Tom provided information to the Trustees on the impact of the new short-term disability benefit level as compared with the previous plan. He submitted an electronic copy of monthly activities prior to the meeting.

ATTORNEY EVALUATION

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of the board attorney. It was moved by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Mike Tilton, to set a monthly retainer, hourly rate, and to keep the collection percentage rate for billing the cooperative. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned by Tom McQuiston, President.

Respectfully submitted,



David Evans
Secretary/Treasurer