

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****January 25, 2023**

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 January 25, 2023. The meeting was called to order by David Evans at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: David Evans, Tom McQuiston, Bob Hoelle, Jay Hasbrook, Ron Kolb, James O'Brien, Jim Meador and Bob Spaeth. Mike Tilton was absent. Others present: Lee Geiger, Attorney; Thomas Wolfenbarger, General Manager; Mike Murray, Director of Operations; Judie Persinger, Director of Accounting & Finance; Laura Smith, Director of Corporate & Member Services; Charlie Young, Manager of Engineering; Adam Osborn, Manager of Safety & Compliance and Julie Abbott, Director of Administration. Guest employees in attendance: Ray Brunner and Lisa Broermann. The meeting was opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance by Bob Hoelle.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Jim Meador, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 28, 2022, be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT**REVIEW STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN**

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

RUS Form 7 & FINANCIAL REPORT 2017 - 2022

Judie Persinger presented RUS Form 7 and reviewed the year-end Financial Reports 2017-2022. Tom McQuiston and James O'Brien motioned to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Charlie Young shared a brief history of 2022. He requested board approval to provide member addresses to altafiber in support of the altafiber sponsored Phase II extension of broadband service to remaining members. A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Tom McQuiston to give approval as requested. Motion carried. Charlie provided information on establishing an application fee for distributed generation applications. He recommended the Cooperative establish a fee to recover cost in handling distributed generation applications. Jay Hasbrook and James O'Brien motioned to give approval to implement a \$350 application fee for distributed generation applications to recover costs as recommended. Motion carried. Fee would not be effective for at least sixty days. Charlie reported on net metering systems, graphs of the monthly and past 12 months of community solar production and reliability graphs, highlighting SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on Safety and Compliance activities and training for the month of December including a crew observation and one vehicle incident. He provided the 2023 safety improvement plan and training and activities for the past month.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reviewed the activities of the internal crews which included retired services, several pole replacements, security light replacements, and substation work. He provided a recap of 2022 new services, security lights and poles. Mike provided the outage report for the month of December. He shared information on equipment shared with another cooperative to jumpstart their safety program.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Laura Smith shared member issues and concerns. She provided an update on the member attitude survey and the April Annual meeting.

Annual Meeting \$50 Bill Credit Winners:

Thomas Boyd

Mary Minges

Wm T Kennel

James A Brown

Carmon Hacker

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Laura Smith reported on a red flag event and a KnowBe4 phishing test. She provided an update on cyber security training for employees and on the implementation of Duo Access.

NEW & VOIDED MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Jim Meador, that 68 memberships be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for December. There were no voided memberships. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

A motion was made by James O'Brien, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the past payment of capital credits for nine estates, totaling \$29,884.09 be approved. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS SETOFFS

A motion was made by Jim Meador, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to approve five capital credits setoffs totaling \$431.63. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$699.49 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for December. A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, to write off bad debts. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Tom McQuiston, seconded by James O'Brien, that the Manager's expense report for December in the amount of \$200.34 be approved. Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE

Lee Geiger announced Graydon is merging with Columbus-based Bricker & Eckler LLP to become Bricker Graydon LLP to be effective April 3, 2023. The merger will bring a strength on energy issues.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustees attending NRECA 901.1 and the CFC Workshop in January provided feedback and highlights of the training.

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

There was no monthly board meeting held by the Buckeye Power, Inc. Board of Trustees.

STATEWIDE REPORT

There was no monthly board meeting held by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

ATTORNEY'S EVALUATION

The annual Attorney's evaluation was distributed to all trustees. These are to be completed and returned for compilation by February 10, 2023.

ACRE CONTRIBUTIONS

David Evans reviewed the annual ACRE program contribution and name change of the program beginning in 2023.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

David Evans asked for anyone interested in attending the legislative conference in April. He had a request from Mike Tilton to attend. Tom McQuiston and Ron Kolb motioned, to give approval for Mike Tilton to attend the legislative conference along with Tom Wolfenbarger. Motion carried. David received information on a Board Leadership Summit on March 17 for board officers. He requested board approval for himself and Jim Meador to attend. Ron Kolb made a motion, with a second by Bob Spaeth to give approval of attendance as requested. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott shared member survey comments and compliments for January. She reviewed training for January and upcoming meetings and system tour in the Fall. Julie provided a staffing update.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger reviewed the strategic planning report from Doug Miller highlighting goal statements identified in the report. Jay Hasbrook and Bob Spaeth motioned to accept the strategic plan report as presented. Motion carried.

Tom submitted an electronic copy of an activities report.

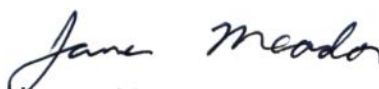
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom McQuiston motioned, with a second by Bob Hoelle, to enter-into an executive session. Motion carried. The trustees conducted the annual self-evaluation of the Board of Trustees. A motion was made by Tom McQuiston, seconded by Jim Meador, to exit out of executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

David Evans declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



James Meador, Secretary-Treasurer

