

**8BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.****BOARD OF TRUSTEES****January 26, 2022**

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 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Tom McQuiston at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Butch Foster, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 29, 2021, 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016 - 2021 & RUS Form 7**

Judie Persinger presented RUS Form 7 and reviewed the year-end Financial Report.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Charlie Young reported on net metering systems, graphs of the monthly community solar production and reliability graphs, highlighting SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI. He provided an update on conversations between the Butler County and Cincinnati Bell regarding opportunities for funding to extend fiber to rural communities.

**SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Adam Osborn reported on Safety and Compliance activities and training for the month of December including a crew observation and follow-up with members. He provided the 2022 safety improvement plan and training and activities.

Adam provided information and pictures from mutual aid assistance for the ice storm at Rappahannock Electric Cooperative in Virginia in early January.

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mike Murray reviewed the activities of the internal crews which included several pole replacements, security light and streetlight replacements, and substation load transfers. He provided a recap of 2021 new services and security lights. Mike provided the outage report for the month of December. He reported on communications with Duke Energy regarding the January 1 outages.

**MEMBER SERVICES REPORT**

Lisa Herrmann shared member issues and concerns and complaints from New Year's Day outages. She provided an update on the member attitude survey and the Annual meeting.

**Annual Meeting \$85 Bill Credit Winners:**

Geni Kash	Stephen Hileman	Tina Ozias
Emma G. Harper	Dale C. Riggs	Clarence L Blevins
Paul A. Mack		

**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

Greg Phillips reported on a red flag event and a KnowBe4 phishing test. He provided information on the history and enhancements of NISC's Call Capture technology and how it would benefit Butler and its members. He requested action to move forward with Call Capture. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, with a second by David Evans, to approve moving forward with Call Capture as requested. Motion carried.

**NEW & VOIDED MEMBERSHIPS**

A motion was made by Butch Foster, seconded by Jim Meador, that 71 memberships be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for December. There was one voided membership. Motion carried.

**CAPITAL CREDITS**

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Jim Meador, that the past payment of capital credits for 31 estates, totaling \$102,004.78 be approved. Motion carried.

**CAPITAL CREDITS SETOFFS**

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Butch Foster, to approve five capital credits setoffs totaling \$1,658.69. Motion carried.

**BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF**

A total of \$1,425.56 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 Bob Spaeth, seconded by Ron Kolb, that the Manager's expense report for December in the amount of \$130.57 be approved. Motion carried.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

Lee Geiger has been working with colleague Jeff Pfirman and cooperative officers/management on approving loan documents. Additional loan documents were provided to the board.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Jay and Butch reported on the NRECA 930.1 Ethics & Governance course attended in early January.

**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 11, 2022.

**ACRE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Tom McQuiston reviewed the annual ACRE program with the Trustees for 2022.

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

Julie Abbott shared member survey comments and compliments for January. She reported on disability and COVID hours for 2021. Julie reviewed training for January and upcoming meetings.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Tom Wolfenbarger reviewed and reported on the AL8 loan documents and resolutions. He requested board approval of the AL8 loan resolutions. A motion was made by Jay Hasbrook, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve all resolutions for loan AL8 as presented. Motion carried.

Tom reported on joint use offerings for new connections related to broadband. He submitted an electronic copy of an activity report of past and future activities.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you note was shared with the trustees.

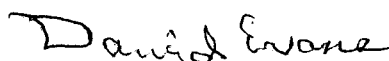
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

David Evans motioned, with a second by Mike Tilton, to enter-into an executive session. Motion carried. The trustees conducted the annual self-evaluation of the Board of Trustees and discussed compensation for an employee doing emergency work. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by David Evans, to exit out of executive session. Motion carried. Following the executive session, Butch Foster made a motion, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve thirty and a half hours of compensation for the emergency work. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by David Evans and Bob Hoelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



David Evans, Secretary-Treasurer