

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****February 23, 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 February 23, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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: Lee Geiger, Attorney; Tom Wolfenbarger, General Manager; 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 Mike Tilton.

MINUTES

An electronic copy of the January board meeting minutes was provided for review prior to the February board meeting. A motion was made by Butch Foster, seconded by Mike Tilton, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 26, 2022, be approved. 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 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 for Charlie Young on net metering/net billing systems and community solar production for the past month. He presented SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI outage graphs. Tom reported on upcoming meetings with county officials regarding fiber.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on the activities of Safety & Compliance for the month of January including a crew observation and member follow-up and investigations. He reviewed Butler's current performance measures along with 2021 state performance measures. There were no injuries or property damage reported in January. Adam included in his

report, training for January. Adam shared information on the new entry level driver training program and requirements to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL).

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reported on the activities of the internal line crews for the month which included pole replacements the completion of the conversion of overhead lines to underground service on Hamilton New London Rd. Crews transferred loads and completed maintenance work at substations during the month. He submitted an outage report for January. Mike thanked the board for the safety equipment provided to assist our employees with their work.

MEMBER SERVICES

Lisa Herrmann reviewed member issues and concerns for the month. She provided updates on the upcoming Annual Meeting and the 2022 Youth Tour.

Annual Meeting \$85 Bill Credit Winners:

Steven Dawson

Johnathan I. DeFelice

Marilyn R. Zipkes

Teri W. Wickham

Arnold E. Babb

Thomas Thompson

Mary K. Newberry

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Greg Phillips provided an annual red flags update including 2021 events. He reviewed KnowBe4 training modules that will be included in employee training for 2022. Greg reported on the upgrade of Call Capture to Multi-Channel Messenger with significant upgrades and provided information on NISC's disaster recovery testing that all departments participated in at some level in February. He requested that all board members schedule a time to have iPads updated.

VOIDED & NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Jim Meador, that 80 memberships be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for January. There were three voided memberships this month. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS SETOFFS

One setoff totaling \$1,194.50 was submitted for January. A motion was made by Butch Foster, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, to approve the setoffs. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$1,281.87 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for January. A motion was made Bob Hoelle, seconded by Ron Kolb, to write off bad debts. Motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

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

LEGAL UPDATE

Lee Geiger announced that there was only one candidate change for the Nominating Committee for the 2023 election. Below are the committee members.

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
Ryan Shupp

District #9

June Niederman
Kenneth Wayne Estep

Lee is reviewing policies from the policy committee review on January 31.

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 Wolfenbarger submitted an electronic report of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. regular monthly meeting prior to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no president's report.

NRECA 971.1 COURSE

Six Trustees attended the virtual 971.1 course on February 8 & 9. Trustees provided feedback on the course.

WINTER CONFERENCE

All Trustees provided feedback from the 2022 Winter Conference.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott provided member survey comments and an employee update for February. She reported on training and meetings for the month and on the upcoming PowerXchange in March. Julie updated the Trustees on the community room furniture replacement.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger reported on the process for the RUS Loan AL8 approval. He proposed a potential change for Policy A25 regarding eligible voters for the annual Trustee election. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to adopt the proposed changes to Policy A25 as presented. Motion carried.

Tom presented a graph of information on transmission rates. He reported on Cost of Service (COS) study adjustments and asked for Board feedback regarding the projected rate increase. Mike Tilton motioned, with a second by Butch Foster, to recommend to table rate adjustments until 2023. Motion carried.

Tom presented information in preparation for retail service for large renewable installations. He proposed a resolution for action that the Cooperative policy will be to base billing of retail service for larger, utility scale renewable installations on all hours of consumption, and not net consumption against generation. A motion by Bob Spaeth was made, with a second by Jay Hasbrook, to approve the proposed resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Tom provided a roof update and 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 Mike Tilton, seconded by David Evans, to set a retainer at \$25,000, and to increase the current hourly rate to \$425. 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