

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****May 25, 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 May 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Tom McQuiston at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were Thomas McQuiston, Bob Hoelle, David Evans, Jay Hasbrook, Ron Kolb, James Meador, James O'Brien, Mike Tilton and Bob Spaeth. Others present were Lee Geiger, Attorney; Tom Wolfenbarger, General Manager; and Julie Abbott, Director of Administration. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and an invocation by Mike Tilton.

MINUTES

An electronic copy of the minutes from the April 27, 2022, regular board meeting and special meeting to accept 54 new members prior to the Annual Meeting on April 28, 2022, were provided. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to approve both minutes as presented. Motion carried.

SINE DIE

It was moved by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Mike Tilton, to adjourn, Sine Die and turn the meeting over to Lee Geiger to conduct the reorganization of the Board. Motion carried.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lee Geiger, Attorney, opened the organization meeting of the Board, acting as Chairman. The meeting was called to order for the purpose of electing officers at 9:03 a.m. on May 25, 2022. The nominations and elections were held by secret ballot. The election resulted in the appointments of the following board members as officers:

PRESIDENT:	David Evans
VICE PRESIDENT:	Robert Hoelle
SECRETARY/TREASURER:	James Meador

A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to exit out of the sine die and turn the meeting over to President Evans at 9:17 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Administrative Staff members presented during the meeting: Greg Phillips, Director of Corporate Services; Judie Persinger, Director of Accounting & Finance; Lisa Staggs Herrmann, Director of Member and Community Relations; Michael Murray, Director of Operations; Charlie Young, Manager of Engineering; Adam Osborn, Manager of Safety & Compliance, and Laura Fryer, upcoming Manager of Corporate Services.

FINANCIAL REPORTS**REVIEW STATEMENTS AND CHECKS**

The financial statements were presented to the Board by Judie Persinger. Bob Hoelle reviewed the checks written for the month of April. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Ron Kolb, to approve the past payment of bills and accept the unaudited financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

RUS FORM 219s

Judie Persinger presented RUS Form 219 and Special Equipment Summaries. It was moved by Mike Tilton, seconded by James O'Brien, to approve the RUS Form 219s and Special Equipment Summaries as submitted by Judie Persinger. Motion carried. (See attached copy)

ENGINEERING REPORT

Charlie Young presented information on a Long-Range Plan 2022-2051 that Alpha Engineering completed in April. The long-range plan was provided for the board to review and acceptance of the plan will be requested at the June board meeting.

Charlie updated the board on broadband to service to members, net metering/billing systems and community solar. He provided graphs of the monthly SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI reliability reports.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

Adam Osborn reported on the April safety & compliance activities which included eight field visits and follow-up with a member. He reported on safety performance measures, training for the month of April and the 2022 Safety Improvement Plan.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reported on work of the internal operation crews for the month which included pole replacements, relocating lines and the replacement of transformers, line and equipment. He provided a report of outages for the month of April.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Lisa Herrmann reviewed voting results and comments from the 2022 board election and announced the proposed date and timeline for the 2023 Annual Meeting. It was moved by Tom McQuiston, seconded by Bob Spaeth, to approve the Annual Meeting and Election Timeline as presented. Motion carried. (Timeline is attached) Lisa reported on the Buckeye Power Load Management committee meeting. She announced the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) score of 88 for 2022 for Butler REC. This was an all-time high score for the cooperative.

\$50 Bill Credit Winners for May

Harrison Township Trustees
Lonnie Phipps

Bartels Farm
Don Nowlin

Charlie L. Tucker

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Greg Phillips reported on red flags events and the Aclara (AMI) server upgrade.

VOIDED AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Jay Hasbrook, seconded by Bob Spaeth, that 63 members be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for April. There were three voided memberships for the month. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

A motion was made by Tom McQuiston, seconded by James O'Brien, that the past payment of capital credits for 11 estates, totaling \$30,259.08 be approved. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS SETOFFS

A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve six capital credits setoffs totaling \$2,886.88. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$3,726.47 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for April. A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Bob Hoelle, to write-off bad debts. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

It was moved by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Mike Tilton, that the Manager's expense report for April in the amount of \$35.64 be approved. Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT

Lee Geiger had all members of the Board sign "Conflict of Interest" form and collected the forms.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS**STATEWIDE REPORT**

An electronic copy of the report of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. monthly meeting was submitted prior to the board meeting.

BUCKEYE POWER INC.

Tom Wolfenbarger attended the Buckeye Power, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting. An electronic copy of the report was submitted prior to the board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT**VOTING DELEGATES & BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mike Tilton made a motion to replace Butch Foster's delegations and committee assignments with James O'Brien for 2022. President Evans appointed Tom McQuiston to the Annual Meeting committee, replacing himself.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott provided member survey comments and training/meetings from the past month. She presented information on the Retirement Plans Restatement and resolution for approval. Mike Tilton motioned, with a second by Bob Spaeth, to approve the Retirement Plan Restatement Resolution. Motion carried. Julie updated the Board on the employment search for a Systems Technician. She shared information on the upcoming music night in Oxford and employee service awards presented at the Spring all employee meeting.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger reported information on the community solar participation with Our Solar II program and a participation agreement. He requested approval from the Board for Butler's participation in Our Solar II and three other requests for approval. A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, with a second by Mike Tilton, to give approval for the three requests and authorization of the General Manager to execute the Buckeye Member Participation Agreement. Motion carried.

Tom presented policies changes to the Board from the policy committee review in January. He will ask for approval of the policy changes at the June regular board meeting. Tom shared notes from the May Buckeye Power meeting. He reported on an inquiry of the employee retention tax.

Tom submitted an electronic copy of an activities report.

OTHER COOPERATIVE BUSINESS**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Jay Hasbrook, with a second by Tom McQuiston, to enter into an executive session. Motion carried. The board discussed items including strategic planning. Motions were made by Jay Hasbrook and Mike Tilton to exit out of executive sessions. Motions carried.


CORRESPONDENCE

Notes and correspondence received was shared with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned by a motion from Tom McQuiston, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, at 12:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



James Meador
Secretary/Treasurer