

**BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.****BOARD OF TRUSTEES****JULY 27, 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 July 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order by David Evans at 9:00 a.m.

Mike Tilton requested to participate remotely in the July 27, 2022, board meeting. A motion was made by Tom McQuiston, with a second by James O'Brien, to give approval for Mike to participate remotely. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present were David Evans, Bob Hoelle, Jim Meador, Jay Hasbrook, Ron Kolb, Tom McQuiston, James O'Brien, and Bob Spaeth. Mike Tilton participated remotely. Others present were Lee Geiger, Attorney; Tom Wolfenbarger, General Manager; Judie Persinger, Director of Accounting and Finance; Michael Murray, Director of Operations; Julie Abbott, Director of Administration; and Laura Fryer, Manager of Corporate Services. The meeting was opened with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Ron Kolb.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, seconded by Jim Meador, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 29, 2022, be approved. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The unaudited financial statements were presented to the Board by Judie Persinger. Bob Hoelle reviewed the checks written for the month of June. A motion was made by Jay Hasbrook, seconded by James O'Brien, that the past payment of bills be approved, and the unaudited financial statements be accepted as presented.

**WHOLESALE POWER REPORT**

Judie Persinger reported on the Wholesale Power Costs Retail Rate for 2022-2032 and reviewed the Variable and Non-Variable Rate Projection for 2022-2032. (See Attached Report)

**CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT ANALYSIS**

Judie Persinger presented an analysis of retirement options and proposed three different options for a 2022 patronage capital retirement. She will ask for a Board recommendation at the August board meeting.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Tom Wolfenbarger reported on net metering systems connected and pending along with excess generation credits for 2021 and 2022. Graphs were provided of the community solar production and SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI reliability reports.

**SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Mike Murray reviewed a report provided by Adam Osborn including field observations, safety performance measures and one incident report. An update on the 2022 Safety Improvement Plan and training activities for June were provided.

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mike Murray reported on activities of the internal crews which included security lights, pole and equipment replacements, and substation work. Mike provided a service interruption report for the month of June.

**MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE**

Julie Abbott reviewed a report provided by Lisa Staggs Herrmann on Family Day and peak alert communications. An update on the cooperative's Golf Outing and 2023 Annual Meeting entertainment was provided.

**\$50 BILL CREDIT WINNERS**

Jeff Brockhaus

Sharon Rich

Donna R. Parks

Joseph Pater

Gerald Ziegler

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

Laura Smith reported on Business Intelligence & Reporting (BI&R) trainings for the past month and two red flag events in the past month. She provided an update on the new A/V system included in the 2022 budget. The system will be moved to the 2023 budget due to supply chain issues. A KnowBe4 phishing test was sent to all employees in July.

**VOIDED AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS**

A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Ron Kolb, that 87 members be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for June. There were four voided memberships for the month of June. Motion carried.

**CAPITAL CREDITS**

A motion was made by James O'Brien, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the payment of 12 capital credits or estates, totaling \$36,923.98 be approved. Motion carried.

**CAPITAL CREDITS - SETOFF**

A motion was made by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Ron Kolb, that seven capital credit setoffs totaling \$1,384.58 be approved. Motion carried.

**BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF**

A total of \$2,117.00 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for June. A motion was made by Bob Hoelle, seconded by James O'Brien, to write-off bad debts. Motion carried.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT**

It was moved by Bob Spaeth, seconded by Ron Kolb, that the Manager's expense report for June in the amount of \$194.70 be approved. Motion carried.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

Lee Geiger reported on the July nominating committee meeting and a meeting he attended for the cooperative during the past month. He is working on an easement issue with Mike Murray.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT****STATEWIDE REPORT**

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

**BUCKEYE POWER INC.**

Tom Wolfenbarger provided an electronic report of the regular monthly meeting of Buckeye Power, Inc. prior to the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

David Evans received voting delegate information from CFC for the upcoming regional meeting.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Julie Abbott provided compliments from members, member survey, Facebook (Family Day), and power outage restoral. She reviewed training and meetings attended and provided Trustees with upcoming information on the OEC Summer Conference, Regional Meeting 1 & 4, and the 2023 NRECA PowerXchange. Julie reported on the upcoming Benefit Plan Rating process and reported the approved cooperative policies have been updated on Call to Order.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Tom Wolfenbarger reported on the EV Rider and Time of Use rate. He requested approval of the Rate A-TOU and Rider EV-32 pending completion and installment of the NISC billing process for these rates. Action will be requested at the August board meeting to approve the EV Off-Peak Charging Program with a one-time rebate of \$1,000.

Tom updated the board on the employee retention credit mentioned at the June board meeting. He provided an update on the roof. Tom submitted an electronic copy of a manager's activities report.

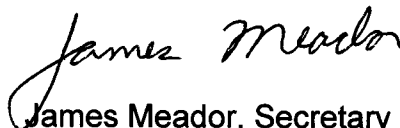
**OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION****CORRESPONDENCE**

Items of correspondence were received by the Trustees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business to discuss, David Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Meador, Secretary Treasurer