

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
April 24, 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on April 24, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Cook. Board members present included Baker, Bol, Cook, Effertz, Kessler, Kuhl, Mandel, Olson, and Warwick.

Others present were General Manager Torud, and Staff Members Steines & Straw.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2022 Audit

Jim Halvorsen and Mickey Gosh from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2022 audit to the directors. Mr. Halvorsen and Ms. Gosh reviewed the audit procedure, findings and explained the process. The 2022 audit was approved as presented.

Safety Message

Director Effertz gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 29, 2023, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #101608 through #101714 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$187,096 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$11,550. Total receipts in the office - \$2,075,137; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$406,901; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire – \$2,183,173; transfer of funds was made for payroll – \$208,606 and power bill paid on April 26, 2023, in the amount of \$2,004,864.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Membership List

A membership list of 37 was presented and accepted without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker reported on the safety meeting he attended on April 13, 2023. Director Warwick reported on the NRECA Legislative Conference he attended in Washington, DC April 16 - 19, 2023. The directors reviewed the Monthly Safety Report from Denise Fox, Compliance Safety and Training Officer.

Reports

Reports listed in the board packet were reviewed for the month of March included the power bill, department statistics, fleet management and budget month-to-date.

#### Inventory of Work Orders

Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of March in the amount of \$115,789.39 was presented for approval and included new services – \$2,467.06; change jobs - \$18,299.41; Other Work Order Projects - \$95,013.92 and 2 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

#### Manager and Staff Reports

General Manager Torud and Staff Members Steines & Straw presented written and oral reports of their activities for the month.

#### Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 8,645.06 consumer hours off, which is 4.89% below 2022 hours of 9,089.58. Overtime year-to-date is 366.75 hours, which is 25.41% below 2022 hours of 495.00.

#### Scholarships

A list of the 2023 scholarship recipients was reviewed by the board.

#### CoBank Sharing Success Program for 2023

The board reviewed the 2023 CoBank Sharing Success Program. Matching funds are available until September 30, 2023.

#### Dairyland Power Cooperative Contributions Program

The board reviewed the Dairyland Power Cooperative Contributions Program that includes a donation of up to \$1,000 in each of their 24-member cooperative service territories.

#### Donation Request – Hunt Hill

The board reviewed the donation request from the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary requesting funds for the Hit for the Hill Fundraiser Golf Tournament. Director Baker moved, and Director Mandel seconded, to donate \$1,000 to the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Hit for the Hill Fundraiser Golf Tournament with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation. Motion carried.

#### Donation Request – Poskin Jets Football Club

The board reviewed the donation request from the Poskin Jets Football Club. No action taken.

#### Donation Request – Law Enforcement Foundation of Barron County (LEFBC)

The board reviewed the donation request from LEFBC requesting funds to support local law enforcement. Director Effertz moved, and Director Bol seconded, to donate \$1,000 to the LEFBC with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation and request matching funds in the amount of \$1,000 from CoBank's Sharing Success Program for a total donation to LEFBC of \$2,000. Motion carried.

#### DPC Annual Meeting

The DPC Annual Meeting is being held on June 7, 2023. All directors, including General Manager Torud and Director of Member Services Beaudette will attend. Director Cook was selected as the voting delegate. Motion carried.

#### Disposal of Cooperative Property

The board reviewed the list of cooperative property that was disposed of in accordance with Policy No. 1014.

### DPC PCA Adjustment

General Manager Torud presented options for the April Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Credit from Dairyland Power Cooperative. The options were to retain the PCA Credit or pass the credit to the members. Director Kessler moved, Director Effertz seconded, to proceed with Option 1, retention of the PCA.

### Strategic Plan

The board reviewed the Strategic Plan presented by General Manager Torud. The board discussed when the rate study will be completed by the consultant. The fixed rate was also discussed and will be added to the May agenda.

Director's and Manager's expense sheets were reviewed and approved.

### Other Business

Director Olson is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on May 17, 2023.

The office is closed on May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

The May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2023.

The DPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2023.

The June Board Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2023.

The office is closed on July 4, 2023, in observance of the holiday.

The WECA District 3 Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023, at Barron Electric Cooperative.

The July Board Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023.

The August Board Meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2023.

The office is closed on September 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day.

The October Board Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023.

The WECA Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8-9, 2023 in Stevens Point, WI.

The office is closed November 23-24, 2023 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The December Board Meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2023.

The office is closed December 25, 2023, in observance of Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM

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Scott Warwick, Secretary