

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
April 24, 2024

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on April 24, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Cook. Board members present included Baker, Blaskowski, Bol, Cook, Effertz, Kessler, Mandel, Olson, and Warwick.

Others present were General Manager Torud, Attorney Andrew Harrington and Jim Halvorsen from CliftonLarsonAllen.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2023 Audit Report

Jim Halvorsen from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2023 audit to the directors. Mr. Halvorsen reviewed the audit procedure, findings and explained the process. The 2023 audit was approved as presented.

Director of Member Services Beaudette, Executive Assistant/HR Administrator Horstman, Director of Finance Straw and Director of Operations Steines joined the meeting.

Safety Message

Director Olson gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 27, 2024, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #102922 through #103020 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$284,422 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,785. Total receipts in the office \$2,222,839; total receipts by wire and ACH \$136,911; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$2,256,354; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$228,642 and the power bill was paid on 04/24/2024 in the amount of \$2,039,630.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Manager and Staff Reports

General Manager Torud and staff members Beaudette, Steines & Straw presented written and oral reports of their activities for the month.

Staff Dismissed.

Break at 11:19 a.m.

Resumed Meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Membership List

A membership list of 51 was presented and approved without objection.

### Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker reported on the DPC Board Meeting he attended on April 17 & 18, 2024. Directors Baker, Cook, Mandel & Warwick reported on the WECA Financial Webinar they attended on April 11, 2024. Director Warwick reported on the Safety Meeting he attended on April 23, 2024. 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 \$251,370.63 was presented for approval and included new services \$0; change jobs \$4,106.93; Other Work Order Projects \$247,263.70 and 7 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

### Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 4,354.19 consumer hours off, which is 49.63% below 2023 hours of 8,645.06. Overtime year-to-date is 328 hours, which is 10.57% below 2023 hours of 366.75.

### Policy No. 1014 Disposal of Cooperative Property – Skid Steer

In accordance with Policy No. 1014, Disposal of Cooperative Property, the approved sale of the surplus cooperative item, 2003 Bobcat S300 Diesel Skid Steer with attachments was sold for \$33,500. The bid was accepted on April 10, 2024 via Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction.

### Policy No. 1014 Disposal of Cooperative Property – Reel Trailer

In accordance with Policy No. 1014, Disposal of Cooperative Property, the approved sale of the surplus cooperative item, Reel Trailer was sold for \$135. The highest bid was accepted on April 22, 2024 via General Manager Torud.

### Scholarships

The recipients for the 2024 scholarships were reviewed by the board.

### Donation Request – Shell Lake Police Foundation

The directors reviewed the donation request from the Shell Lake Police Foundation asking for a donation to assist with their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Range Day. Director Bol moved to donate \$1,000 to the Shell Lake Police Foundation. Due to lack of second, no action was taken.,

### DPC PCA & RVA Charges

General Manager Torud reviewed with the board the PCA & RVA from Dairyland Power Cooperative for the month of March & April 2024. Option 1 was to retain PCA & RVA Credits, Option 2 was to pass through to the members or Option 3 review in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2024. Director Baker moved, Director Mandel seconded, to select Option 3 and review the options again in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2024.

Director Kessler moved, Director Warwick seconded, to enter into Executive Session.

The board entered into Executive Session at 11:42 a.m. to discuss director travel reimbursement.

The board resumed their regular board meeting at 12:07 p.m.

The director's expense accounts for the month were reviewed and approved by the board without objection.

#### Other Business

The office is closed on May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.

The May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2024.

The DPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024 in La Crosse. All directors will attend including General Manager Torud & Director of Member Services Beaudette

Directors Baker, Bol, Cook, Mandel & Warwick are scheduled to attend the Financial Webinar Series for Directors on June 13, 2024.

The June Board Meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024.

The WECA District 3 Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024 at the cooperative headquarters.

The July Board Meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2024.

Directors Baker, Bol, Cook, Mandel & Warwick are scheduled to attend the Financial Webinar Series for Directors on August 15, 2024.

The August Board Meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Patricia Mandel, Secretary