

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

February 22, 2023

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held virtual via Teams on February 22, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:55 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 Beaudette, Steines & Straw.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

## Safety Message

President Cook gave a safety message.

## Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the regular Board Meeting, January 31, 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: #101423 thru #101498 of CCF Bank in the amount of \$479,591 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,254. Total receipts in the office - \$1,644,617; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$70,490; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,287,509; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$209,745 and power bill paid to be paid on 02/22/2023 in the amount of \$2,494,141.

## Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

## Membership List

A membership list of 34 was presented and approved without objection.

## Other Meetings Attended

Director Olson reported on the Cooperative Credentialed Director courses he attended on February 8 & 9, 2023. Directors reported on the DPC District Meeting they attended on February 14, 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 January 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 January in the amount of \$92,368.29 was presented for approval and included new services - \$798.15; change jobs - \$0; Other Work Order Projects - \$92,368.29 and 1 retirement. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

### Manager and Staff Reports

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

### Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 2,545.63 consumer hours off, which is 16.31% below 2022 hours of 3,041.70. Overtime year-to-date is 106.50 hours, which is 7.30% above 2022 hours of 99.25.

### Tellers for the 87th Annual Meeting

A list of tellers for the 87th Annual Meeting was presented. Director Kuhl moved, Director Mandel seconded, to approve the tellers for the 87th Annual Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

### Policy No. 202 – Reimbursement of Expenses

The board reviewed the changes to Policy No. 202 – Reimbursement of Expenses, II. Content, Letter B, Number 3:

3. All directors are permitted to attend the NRECA Regional Meeting, NRECA National Legislative Conference, WECA Annual Meeting, CoBank Directors Conference, CFC Forum, DPC District Meeting, DPC Annual Meeting, WECA District Meeting and WECA Lobby Days each year. Expenses for the **NRECA Annual Meeting (PowerXchange)**, WECA Annual Meeting, WECA Lobby Days and DPC Annual Meeting will not be included in the director's annual travel budget.

And changes to II. Content, Letter B, Number 4, addition to policy, Letter b:

- b. Directors will be paid one per diem for every two educational webinars completed.**

Director Effertz moved, Director Kessler seconded, to table section 'b.' of this policy change until the March Board Meeting. Motion carried.

### DPC PCA Adjustment

General Manager Torud presented information to the board regarding the DPC PCA adjustment. Director Warwick moved, Director Mandel seconded, to retain the DPC PCA as presented by General Manager Torud. Motion carried.

Staff Dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

### Strategic Plan

The board discussed the strategic planning process that was held at Turtleback Conference Center on February 15 and 16, 2023.

Expense reports were reviewed by Director Kessler and approved.

Director Kessler is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023.  
Director Mandel is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting scheduled for March 16, 2023.  
The WECA Education and Lobby Days are scheduled for March 21 through 23, 2023.  
The Annual Meeting is scheduled at the Barron High School on March 25, 2023.  
The March Board Meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023.  
The office is closed on April 7, 2023, in observance of Good Friday.  
The NRECA Legislative Conference is scheduled for April 16 through 19, 2023 in Washington, DC.  
The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 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 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 meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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Scott Warwick, Secretary