

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
July 26, 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on July 26, 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 Beaudette, Steines & Straw.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Safety Message

Director Olson gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 28, 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: #101952 through #102049 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$357,789 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$16,351. Total receipts in the office - \$2,406,514; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$96,842; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,007,308; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$210,362 and power bill paid on July 26, 2023, in the amount of \$2,298,974.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Membership List

A membership list of 68 was presented and accepted without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker reported on the Dairyland Board Meetings he attended on July 19 & 20, 2023.

Directors discussed the WECA District 3 Meeting they attended on July 12, 2023. Director Kuhl reported on the safety meeting, he attended on July 13, 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 June included the power bill, department statistics, fleet management and budget month-to-date.

Inventory of Work Orders

Inventory of Work Orders summarizing construction activity for the month of June in the amount of \$220,197.51 was presented for approval and included new services - \$13,243.50; change jobs - \$7,248.61; Other Work Order Projects - \$199,705.40 and 0 retirements. The Inventory of Work Orders stood approved as presented.

Manager and Staff Reports

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

Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 21,404.26 consumer hours off, which is 63.54% below 2022 hours of 58,700.93. Overtime year-to-date is 1,274.00 hours, which is 17.98% below 2022 hours of 1,553.25.

Annual Meeting Committee

Director Mandel reported on the committee's recommendation for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Economic Development Loans

A report of the past and current Economic Development loans was reviewed by the board.

City of Spooner PSC Territory Agreement

The board reviewed the PSC Amended and Restated Service Territory Agreement with the City of Spooner. Director Kessler moved, Director Mandel seconded, to accept the Amended and Restated Service Territory Agreement with the City of Spooner as presented and affix signatures. Motion carried.

General Retirement Resolutions

Director of Finance Straw presented information to the board regarding the 2023 General Retirements of Barron Electric Cooperative Capital Credits.

BE IT RESOLVED that Barron Electric Cooperative will retire capital credits for the year 2003 at 68% of the remaining balance of the cooperative portion, and for the years of 1994 at 100% of the remaining balance of the G&T portion, with the total not to exceed the amount of \$941,000; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum check amount is \$10.00, except for the final payout of inactive accounts. Retirement amounts under \$10.00 for active members will be applied to member's billing accounts. A total of \$11,489.99 will be applied to bad debts.

I, Scott Warwick, Secretary of Barron Electric Cooperative, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative, held this 26th day of July 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Director Effertz moved, Director Mandel seconded, to approve the 2023 General Retirement Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

2024 Pre-Approval of GPS System

Director of Operations Steines presented information to the board regarding pre-approval to the 2024 Budget for a new GPS system. Director Kessler moved, Director Kuhl seconded, to pre-approve the recommendation for the two-year GPS deployment project to begin in 2024 at a cost of \$1,400,000 with Global Mapping Solutions. Motion carried.

2024 Pre-Approval of New Radio System

Director of Operations Steines presented information to the board regarding pre-approval to the 2024 Budget for a new radio system for the cooperative. Director Kuhl moved, Director Olson seconded, to pre-approve the recommendation for DPC to become the cooperative's radio provider at a cost of \$68,500 with payment due in 2024. Motion carried.

Staff Dismissed

Executive Session

Director Kessler moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Director Mandel.

The board entered Executive Session at 11:13 AM.

General Manager's Evaluation

President Cook presented a report of the General Manager's Evaluation.

Minutes of the evaluation are printed as a confidential part of the minutes.

Board Evaluation

President Cook presented a report of the Board Self Evaluation results.

Executive session ended at 11:56 AM.

Other Business

All Employee & Director Summer Picnic August 3, 2023 at Anderson Park, Barron, WI.

Director Bol is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on August 8, 2023.

The DPC and JPM Tour is scheduled for August 23, 2023, in La Crosse, WI & Alma, WI.

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

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

Director Effertz is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on September 12, 2023.

The NRECA Region 5 Meeting is scheduled for September 12-14, 2023 in Des Moines, IA.

The September Board Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2023.

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 11:57 AM.

Scott Warwick, Secretary