

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
June 28, 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on June 28, 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.

Safety Message

Director Bol gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 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: #101837 through #101951 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$631,178 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,898. Total receipts in the office - \$2,172,673; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,177,229; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,294,640; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$220,783 and power bill paid on June 28, 2023, in the amount of \$1,789,240.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Membership List

A membership list of 64 was presented and accepted without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker reported on the Dairyland Board Meetings he attended on June 7 & 15, 2023.

Director Olson reported on the safety meeting he attended on June 1, 2023. Attending Directors Baker, Cook, Effertz, Kuhl, Mandel, Olson & Warwick discussed the DPC Annual Meeting on June 7, 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 May 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 May in the amount of \$330,076.86 was presented for approval and included new services - \$35,730.63; change jobs - \$41,383.56; Other Work Order Projects - \$252,962.67 and 2 retirements. The Inventory of Work Orders 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 11,030.38 consumer hours off, which is 72.79% below 2022 hours of 40,532.38. Overtime year-to-date is 902.25 hours, which is 7.67% below 2022 hours of 977.25.

NRECA Region 5 Meeting

The NRECA Region 5 Meeting will be held September 12-14, 2023 in Des Moines, IA. Delegates attending will be Directors: Cook, Baker, Effertz, Kessler, Kuhl, Mandel, and Warwick will be attending the meeting. Director Kuhl Voting Delegate and Director Effertz the Alternate Voting Delegate.

Tour Dates for DPC & JPM

The Board of Directors reviewed tour dates for a tour of Dairyland Power Cooperative in La Crosse, WI and the John P. Madgett in Alma, WI. August 23, 2023 was selected as the tour date.

Policy Committee

Suggested changes for policies 108,404,410,412,601,602,702,1004,1006,1019,1020,1025 & 1028 were presented and reviewed. Director Kessler moved, Director Mandel seconded, to approve changes to the policies as presented. Motion carried. The policy changes are to be effective July 1, 2023.

DPC PCA Adjustment

General Manager Torud presented options for the May Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Credit from Dairyland Power Cooperative. The options were to retain the PCA Credit to increase the cooperative's revenue and add to the margins or pass the credit to the members. Director Kessler moved, Director Bol seconded to proceed with Option 1. Motion carried.

North Wal Substation

Director of Operations Steines presented information to the board regarding concerns by the new owners of the property next to the North Wal Substation. Director Warwick moved, Director Kessler seconded, to proceed with the same offer to the new owners of the property in which the cooperative offers \$1,000 for them to plant trees on their property. Motion carried.

Staff Dismissed

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session by Director Kuhl, seconded by Director Effertz. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 11:49 A.M.

The board resumed the regular board meeting at 12:04 P.M.

Other Business

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.

Director Kuhl is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on July 13, 2023.

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

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 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 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.

Motion to adjourn by Director Kuhl. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Scott Warwick, Secretary