

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
March 29, 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on March 29, 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 Mandel gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 22, 2023, were approved as written.

The minutes from the 87th Annual Meeting, March 25, 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: #101499 through #101607 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$234,177 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,261. Total receipts in the office - \$3,057,287; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$2,915,403; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire – \$4,998,756; transfer of funds was made for payroll – \$188,366 and power bill paid on March 29, 2023, in the amount of \$2,140,452.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Membership List

A membership list of 41 was presented and approved without objection.

Other Meetings Attended

Director Warwick reported on the DPC Board Meeting he attended on March 15 & 16, 2023. Director Kessler reported on the safety meeting he attended on March 1, 2023. Director Mandel reported on the safety meeting she attended on March 16, 2023. Directors Cook, Baker, Effertz, Kessler, Kuhl, Mandel & Warwick reported on WECA Education & Lobby Days they attended March 21 - 23, 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 February 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 February in the amount of \$118,461.44 was presented for approval and included new services – \$2,234.77; change jobs - \$0; Other Work Order Projects - \$116,226.67 and 0 retirements. The Form 219 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 4,506.58 consumer hours off, which is 32.53% above 2022 hours of 3,400.37. Overtime year-to-date is 142.50 hours, which is 26.45% below 2022 hours of 193.75.

RESCO Board of Directors

The board reviewed the information regarding the RESCO Board of Directors request for director candidate nominations.

Donation Request – Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District (BFCESD)

The board reviewed the donation request from the Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District (BFCESD) requesting funds for the Jon Sleik Memorial Golf Tournament. No action taken.

Donation Request – Cumberland American Legion

The board reviewed the donation request from the Cumberland American Legion “High School to Heroes” Banquet. Director Kessler moved to donate \$500 to the “High School to Heroes” banquet, seconded by Director Effertz. Motion carried. Director Kessler will attend the High School to Heroes Banquet at 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2023.

87th Annual Meeting

Director of Member Services Beaudette reported on the 87th Annual Meeting that was held at the Barron High School on Saturday, March 25, 2023. There were 407 registered members and guests with 257 voting members. Twelve names were drawn by Mr. Franz for \$100 cash prizes. The twelve members that received \$100 cash prizes were: Cherie Anderson, Amy Bair, Barbara Bouma, Cecilia Brierton, Busses Barron Acres, Germaine Konop, Darlene Martinson, Donald McLellan, Mary Pletzer, Donald Schleiss, Randy Wickman and Lawrence Wilhelmy.

DPC PCA Adjustment

General Manager Torud presented options for the March 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, and Director Mandel seconded, to approve option one as presented by Manager Torud and retain the PCA.

A-1 Interruptible Rate Structure

General Manager Torud reported on the A-1 Interruptible Rate Structure. Director Warwick moved, and Director Mandel seconded, to approve the A-1 Interruptible Rate Structure as presented by General Manager Torud.

Staff Dismissed

Policy No. 202 – Reimbursement of Expenses

The board reviewed Policy No. 202 – Reimbursement of Expenses, II. Content, Letter B, #4, b:

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

After discussion no action was taken. Future similar situations will be discussed and decided on a case by case basis by the board.

Organizational Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on March 25, 2023, were approved as written.

Expense Reports from the directors and General Manager were reviewed by the Board and approved.

The office is closed on April 7, 2023, in observance of Good Friday.

Director Bol is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on April 13, 2023.

Director Warwick and Director of Member Services Beaudette will be attending the NRECA Legislative Conference scheduled for April 16 through 19, 2023 in Washington, DC.

The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2023 and CliftonLarsonAllen will present the 2022 audit.

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 meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM

Scott Warwick, Secretary