

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
October 30, 2024

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on October 30, 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 & Warwick

Others present were General Manager Torud, Executive Assistant/HR Administrator Horstman, Staff Members Beaudette, Steines & Straw.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Introduction of Employees

Receptionist Faith Christensen and Energy Use/Metering Technician Jordan Ellison were introduced to the Board.

Safety Message

Director Effertz gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 25, 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: #103582 through #103699 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$466,122 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$24,868. Total receipts in the office \$4,027,476; total receipts by wire and ACH \$2,903,375; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$5,747,155; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$233,333 and the power bill was paid on 10/30/2024 in the amount of \$2,057,832.

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.

Membership List

A membership list of 65 was presented and approved without objection.

#### Other Meetings Attended

Director Baker reported on the DPC Meeting he attended on October 16-17, 2024. Director Mandel reported on the Board Leadership Course she attended October 8-9, 2024. Directors Baker, Blaskowski & Bol reported on the Credentialed Cooperative Director course they attended on October 15, 2024. Directors Cook discussed the Safety Meeting he attended on October 29, 2024. The directors discussed the Legislative Forum held at the cooperative on October 29, 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 September including 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 September in the amount of \$396,031.03 was presented for approval and included new services \$41,831.78; change jobs \$12,042.30; Other Work Order Projects \$342,156.95 and 3 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

#### Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 85,500.41 consumer hours off, which is 51.09% above 2023 hours of 56,590.46. Overtime year-to-date is 3,224.25 hours, which is 16.73% above 2023 hours of 2,762.25.

#### Donation Request – Dallas Cemetery Board

The board reviewed the Dallas Cemetery Board donation request. Due to lack of motion, no action was taken.

#### Donation Request – City of Chetek Sports Complex

The board reviewed the City of Chetek Sports Complex donation request. Director Bol moved to donate \$5,000 to the City of Chetek Sports Complex. Due to lack of second, no action was taken.

#### Electric Service Agreements

The board reviewed the Electric Service Agreements for the following members: CRS Proppants, LLC, Johnson Timber Corporation and Source Energy Services.

Director Olson moved, Director Warwick seconded, to approve the Electric Service Agreement for CRS Proppants, LLC. Motion carried.

Director Mandel moved, Director Blaskowski seconded, to approve the Electric Service Agreement for Johnson Timber Corporation. Motion carried.

Director Olson moved, Director Warwick seconded, to approve the Electric Service Agreement for Source Energy Services. Motion carried.

#### November Board Meeting Date Change

The board discussed changing the date of the November Board Meeting from November 27, 2024 to November 18, 2024, which would be held after the 2025 Budget presentation. There would be a Special Meeting scheduled for December 6, 2024. Director Bol moved, Director Warwick seconded, to approve the November Board Meeting to November 18, 2024 and have a Special Meeting on December 6, 2024. Motion carried.

Director Warwick was selected as the Federated Youth Foundation Voting Delegate for the Annual Meeting that will be held on November 12, 2024.

Other Business:

The WECA Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 12-13, 2024 in Wisconsin Dells. Directors Baker, Blaskowski, Bol, Cook, Effertz, Mandel, Olson & Warwick will be attending.

The Budget Scope presentation is scheduled for November 18, 2024 and all directors will attend.

The Board Meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2024.

The office is closed on November 28 & 29, 2024 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

A 2025 Budget Discussion is scheduled for December 5, 2024 and all directors are scheduled to attend.

Directors Baker, Bol, Cook, Mandel & Warwick are scheduled to attend the Financial Webinar Series for Directors on December 12, 2024.

The December Board Meeting and All Employee & Director Lunch is scheduled for December 23, 2024.

The office will be closed on December 25, 2024 in observance of Christmas.

The office will be closed on January 1, 2025 in observance of New Year's Day.

The Final 2025 Budget approval is scheduled for January 7, 2025 and all directors will attend.

All directors are scheduled to attend the NRECA Directors Conference via webinar January 27-28, 2025.

The January Board Meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2025.

The DPC District Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2025 at the Florian Gardens in Eau Claire.

The February Board Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025.

The NRECA PowerXchange is scheduled for March 9-12, 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The March Board Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

WECA Education & Lobby Days are scheduled for April 1-2, 2025 in Madison.

The cooperative's Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025 at the Barron Area Community Center.

The NRECA Legislative Conference is scheduled for April 27-30, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2025.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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Patricia Mandel, Secretary