

TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

St. Matthews, South Carolina
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
September 24, 2020

Pursuant to due notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Cooperative") was held on September 24, 2020 at the Cooperative's headquarters office in St. Matthews, South Carolina. In order to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance of social distancing due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks, the meeting took place in the Auditorium.

The following trustees were present: Ida L. Dixon, Barbara F. Weston, S. George Wilson, Gary F. Geiger, F. Joe Strickland, Jr., Willie E. Jeffries, William Robinson, James R. Dantzler, and Jacqueline S. Shaw, these being all of the trustees of the Cooperative. Also present were Frank Furtick, COO, Michael Weeks, CAE, Chad T. Lowder, CEO, John G. Felder, Sr., General Counsel, and Cindy Sarratt, who recorded the minutes of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara F. Weston at 6:00 p.m. Following the Call to Order, Joe Strickland gave the Invocation.

MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD

There were no members present during the Member Comment Period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF August 27, 2020

On motion by Willie Jeffries, seconded by James Dantzler and carried, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of August 27, 2020 were approved with one correction.

REPORTS

SYSTEM SUMMARY REPORTS

The System Summary Reports were approved as presented by the CEO.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Monthly Financial Statements were approved as presented by the CEO.

NEW MEMBER REPORT

The CEO reported that from August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 100 new members made application for service and those new members are now actively receiving electric service from the Cooperative. Thereafter, on motion by Joe Strickland, seconded by Gary Geiger, and carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, the applications of new members are hereby accepted and approved.

SAFETY REPORT

The CEO reported that there were no lost time accidents, no hours lost, no OSHA Recordable accidents, and no employee injuries, no vehicle accidents, and no consumer damage claims reported in August 2020.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Barbara Weston reported that the Committee met at 5:30 p.m. and reviewed the expense reports and credit card invoices for the Board, CEO, and Attorney for the period August 1-31, 2020. All accounts were approved by the Audit Committee with one correction.

Operation Round Up Report

Chad Lowder reported that the Operation Round Up board met on September 14, 2020 and awarded grants totaling \$20,761.99.

UPDATES

CENTRAL UPDATE

Chad Lowder stated that the Central Board Meeting Summary was posted in BoardPaq. Then, on motion by Willie Jeffries, seconded by James Dantzler, and carried, the board entered executive session to receive a confidential Central update. Following, on motion by Gary Geiger, seconded by James Dantzler, and carried, the board returned to regular session after having taken no action in executive session.

STATEWIDE UPDATE

Chad Lowder reported that the SC Legislature passed "The Great Act" today, authorizing the right to run fiber using our rights-of-way.

OLD BUSINESS

TRICO GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL SITE UPDATE

Chad Lowder reported that infrastructure is moving forward and two projects are looking at the site.

RICHLAND DISTRICT OFFICE REMODEL STATUS

Mr. Lowder reported that the RDO remodeling is almost complete. Some millwork is still going on. IT will do some connections next week. The payment kiosk is up and operational.

FIBER TO THE HOME PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lowder gave a status update and presented a Phase Map.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

On motion by William Robinson, seconded by Jackie Shaw, and carried, the following members were appointed to the Credentials and Elections Committee: Beatrice Sumter, Jackie Jackson, Bonnie Martin, Jimmie Terry, E. C. Nelson, and Shirley Abraham.

REPORT OF NEW HIRES

Chad Lowder briefed the board on recent new hires, but due to some turnover, the total number of employees remains at 56.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR EDUCATION

James Dantzler reported that he and Joe Strickland recently took Director Education Course 953.1 online. He stated that it was very worthwhile and recommended it to everyone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CEO REPORT

On motion by James Dantzler, seconded by Joe Strickland, and carried, the board entered into executive session in order to receive a confidential CEO report. Then, on motion by Joe Strickland, seconded by Gary Geiger, and carried, the board returned to regular session after having taken no action in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Gary Geiger, seconded by Jackie Shaw, and carried, the board entered executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Then, on motion by Willie Jeffries, seconded by William Robinson, and carried, the board returned to regular session after having taken no action in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Gary Geiger, seconded by Jackie Shaw, and carried, the board entered executive session to receive legal advice. Then on motion by Willie Jeffries, seconded by William Robinson, and carried, the board returned to regular session after having taken no action in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by William Robinson, seconded by Gary Geiger, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

S. Jacqueline S. Shaw
Jacqueline S. Shaw, Secretary

APPROVED:

S. Barbara F. Weston
Barbara F. Weston, President