

BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****September 28, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Cooperative office at 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road, Oxford, Ohio on September 28, 2022. The meeting was called to order by David Evans at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were David Evans, Jay Hasbrook, Bob Hoelle, Ron Kolb, Mike Tilton, Tom McQuiston, Jim Meador, James O'Brien, and Robert Spaeth. Others present were: Lee Geiger, Attorney; Thomas C. Wolfenbarger, General Manager; Julie Abbott, Director of Administration; Judie Persinger, Director of Accounting and Finance; Mike Murray, Director of Operations; Lisa Staggs Herrmann, Director of Member and Community Relations; and Charlie Young, Manager of Engineering. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and invocation by Robert Spaeth.

MINUTES

An electronic copy of the minutes was presented prior to the board meeting for the August board meeting. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by James O'Brien, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 31, 2022, be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Judie Persinger announced that physical inventory is being conducted today and tomorrow.

REVIEW STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN

The unaudited financial statements were presented to the Board by Judie Persinger. Bob Hoelle reviewed a report of the checks written for the month of August. A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Jim Meador, that the past payment of bills be approved, and the unaudited financial statements be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Charlie Young reported on the Duke Energy, Buckeye Power and Butler annual planning meeting and identified areas of focus. He presented a net metering/billing systems report. Charlie reviewed the community solar graph for the past month along with the monthly SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI charts.

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REPORT

Mike Murray shared Adam Osborn's report which included a crew observation and ten field observations for the past month. He reviewed monthly training activities and meetings, one property damage, and a vehicle incident for August.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Murray reviewed internal operations crew projects which included pole and equipment replacements and substation work for August. He reported that Butler crews have begun the installation of the electric infrastructure at Venice Crossing in Ross Township. Mike provided a report on the outages for the month of August.

MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE

Lisa Herrmann reported on member issues and concerns and announced Butler's new website design that will go live on September 29. An electronic list of the Community Connection Grants awarded this month was provided and can be found on the website.

\$50 Bill Credit Winners:

Dale Kennedy
William Schnell

Crosby Twp.
Ed Tussey

Vickie J. Barger

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger reviewed a report Laura Smith provided on a KnowBe4 phishing test and an Apple product vulnerability for the month. Board approval was requested to cancel Excede service for Trustee, Ron Kolb, and replace with a new iPad with a data plan. Robert Spaeth motioned, seconded by Mike Tilton, to approve the request. Ron Kolb abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

VOIDED & NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A motion was made by Tom McQuiston, seconded by Mike Tilton, that 83 members be accepted into the membership of the Cooperative for August. There were no voided memberships this month. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS

A motion was made by James O'Brien, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the past payment of capital credits for 19 estates, totaling \$58,393.57 be approved. Motion carried.

CAPITAL CREDITS SETOFFS

A motion was made by Mike Tilton, seconded by Jim Meador, to approve twelve capital credits setoffs totaling \$8,977.54. Motion carried.

BAD DEBTS WRITE-OFF

A total of \$2,739.09 was submitted to the Board to be written-off for August. Ron Kolb motioned, seconded by Robert Spaeth, to write off bad debts. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S EXPENSE REPORT

James O'Brien motioned, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, that the Manager's expense report for August in the amount of \$786.75 be approved. Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE

Lee Geiger reported on the September 19 nominating committee meeting.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustees provided feedback from the Regional Meeting held in Indianapolis.

OHIO RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Tom McQuiston reported on the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting for September. This month's meeting was held at the COLT facility.

BUCKEYE POWER INC.

There was no Buckeye Power, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting during the month of September.

PRESIDENT REPORT

There was no President's report.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Julie Abbott shared member survey comments for September. She reviewed training and education for September upcoming Director education courses and meetings. She made announcements of position changes within the Cooperative.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger proposed changes to the Community Solar Rate. He requested approval of changes to Rate CS-36 for participation in the Community Solar program. Jay Hasbrook motioned, with a second by James O'Brien, to approve the adjusted Rate Schedule CS-36 as requested. Motion carried.

Tom reported on the Buckeye rate committee meeting.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Tom Wolfenbarger distributed an electronic copy of dates of past and future activities.

CORRESPONDENCE

An item of correspondence was received and shared with the Trustees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ron Kolb, with a second by Tom McQuiston, to enter-into an executive session. Motion carried. Tom Wolfenbarger presented information on trustee compensation and employee wages and benefits. It was moved by Mike Tilton, and seconded by James O'Brien, to increase the employee wages by 4 % beginning January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Board compensation was reviewed. Mike Tilton motioned, seconded by Jay Hasbrook, to not increase Trustee per diems for 2023. Motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Jay Hasbrook, with a second by Tom McQuiston. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned by president, David Evans.

Respectfully submitted,



James Meador, Secretary Treasurer