

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
March 1, 2021
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, March 1, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Headquarters in Moncks Corner.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, Mr. Vandross gave the invocation.

The following Trustees were present:

Connie Shuler	Henry H. Chavis, Sr.	Robert Vandross
Willis Sanders	H. Wayne DeWitt	Harry Brunson
Sam Gourdine	George McFadden	

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff; VP of Finance Joel Stevens and VP of Engineering and Operations Tim Mobley, Manager of Communications Libby Roerig, Communications and Media Specialist Micah Ponce as well as General Counsel John B. Williams. Also in attendance was Mark Gaddy, Scott Shepherd and Samuel Robinson.

Retirement Proclamations-Mr. Fuller and Mr. DeWitt

Resolution for Mark Gaddy-Mr. Fuller

WHEREAS, J. Mark Gaddy has given distinguished service to Berkeley Electric Cooperative during his tenure as a Vice President and valued employee from 1987 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddy has exhibited exemplary leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication to Cooperative activities during his tenure of service as Member Service Representative from 1987 to 1987; as Goose Creek Office Manager from 1988 to 1990; as District Office

Supervisor from 1990 to 1997; as Manager of Key Accounts and Economic Development from 2000 to 2010; as Vice President of Economic Development and Government Affairs/Marketing and Government Affairs from 2010 to 2021, and has contributed to the advancement of the Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, his many contributions have been of especial value in the development and enhancement of the Cooperative during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, as a Vice President, he has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to his colleagues and has given generously of his energy and talents to Berkeley Electric Cooperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Electric Cooperative President and CEO and Board of Trustees formally acknowledge and express profound appreciation, high commendation, and sincere best wishes to Vice President J. Mark Gaddy, for his more than thirty years of service to the membership of the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the minutes of the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and that a copy thereof be duly executed and transmitted to him.

ADOPTED BY THE BERKELEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWENTY-THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

Resolution for Jimmy Scott Shepherd-Mr. Fuller

WHEREAS, Jimmy Scott Shepherd has given distinguished service to Berkeley Electric Cooperative during his tenure as a Vice President and valued employee from 1981 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd has exhibited exemplary leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication to Cooperative activities during his tenure of service as a Member Service Representative from 1981 to 1986; as Goose Creek Office Manager from 1986 to 1988; as Manager of Data Processing/Manager of Information Systems from 1988 to 1994; as Vice President of Accounting and Information Systems from 1994 to 2004; as Vice President of Admin and Information Systems from 2004 to 2006; as Vice President of Information Systems from 2006 to 2009; as Vice President of Customer Service/Member Services from 2009 to 2021, and has contributed to the advancement of the Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, his many contributions have been of especial value in the development and enhancement of the Cooperative during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, as a Vice President, he has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to his colleagues and has given generously of his energy and many talents to Berkeley Electric Cooperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Electric Cooperative President and CEO and Board of Trustees formally acknowledge and express profound appreciation, high commendation, and sincere best wishes to Vice President Jimmy Scott Shepherd, for his forty years of service to the membership of the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the minutes of the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and that a copy thereof be duly executed and transmitted to him.

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Resolution for Samuel N. Robinson

WHEREAS, Samuel N. Robinson has given distinguished service to Berkeley Electric Cooperative during his tenure as President of the Trust Board from January 2016 to December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has exhibited exemplary leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication to Cooperative activities during his tenure of service as a member from January 2016 to December 2017; and as President from January 2017 to December 2020, and has contributed to the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, his many contributions have been of especial value in the development and enhancement of the Cooperative and its membership during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, as Trust Board President, he has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to his colleagues and has given generously of his energy and talents to Berkeley Electric Cooperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Electric Cooperative President and CEO and Board of Trustees formally acknowledge and express profound appreciation, high commendation, and sincere best wishes to Mr. Robinson, for his many years of service to the Trust Board and membership of the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the minutes of the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and that a copy thereof be duly executed and transmitted to him.

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Presentation of the South Carolina Living Excellence Award to Micah Ponce-Mrs. Roerig

Mrs. Roerig discussed the qualifications to receive the SC Living Excellence Award. Mrs. Roerig stated that Micah has done an outstanding job with everything he has submitted.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the January 's board meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Shuler, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the January 25th, 2021 Board Meeting as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders

Mr. Sanders presented information from ECSC and there was no action necessary.

Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt presented information from Central and there was no action necessary.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine presented information from CEEUS and there was no action necessary. Mr. Fuller said that Chad Capps would like to come in and speak with the board at the next board meeting.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from December 2020.

Annual Board Compensation-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens discussed information about the governance disclosure guidelines and what is required by law. This information will be posted on our member portal. There is a slight difference from the IRS 990 form. This disclosure will include travel, meals and expenses.

Annual Meeting Cost Overview-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens discussed a breakdown of the annual meeting cost from 2017 through 2020. In 2020 we registered 12,876 members and we were over our quorum by 8,267. The grand total was \$929, 311 that was spent for Annual Meeting for the 2020 year.

President/CEO Reports-Michael Fuller

Mr. Fuller discussed that the Trust Board now has three new members. Mr. Fuller has set up for two to three employees from each district to help with home inspections.

Executive Session-

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mrs. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Chavis and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Sanders second and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive session.

Increase of Underground Construction and Directional Boring Contract-Mr. Mobley

Mr. Mobley proposed that the Underground Construction and Directional Boring Contract be awarded to Pinnacle Construction and Directional Boring, Inc. Upon motion by Mr. McFadden, and seconded by Mrs. Shuler, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., has awarded to Pinnacle Construction & Directional Boring, Inc., the March 1, 2021- February 28, 2023 Directional Boring 790 contract. This labor only contract total amount is \$2,500,000.00. The materials are to be furnished by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

New Business-

The Chairman then called for new business. There was none.

Old Business – None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn.



H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman



Connie Shuler, Secretary