Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board Meeting November 30, 2020 Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday**, **November 30, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.** at the Community room in Moncks Corner.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brunson, Mr. Gourdine gave the invocation.

The following Trustees were present:

Harry A. Brunson

**Connie Shuler** 

Henry H. Chavis, Sr.

Willis Sanders

George McFadden

H. Wayne DeWitt

Sam Gourdine

**Robert Vandross** 

Carol Caddell

President & CEO Michael Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens and the following staff; VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Engineering and Operations Tim Mobley, VP of Member Services and IT Tony Capobianco, Manager of Vegetation Operations Adam Bradshaw and General Counsel John B. Williams were in attendance as well.

Chairman Brunson called for approval of minutes from October's board meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Chavis, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Board Meeting as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

# Central Meeting Report - Wayne DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt reviewed the topics that were discussed at the Central Board Meeting this month.

## **ECSC Board Report-Mr. Sanders**

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

#### Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from September 2020. There was some discussion, but no decisions were made.

#### Approval of Auditor-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens asked for the board's approval to hire Eddie Carrick, CPA as our auditor for 2021. Upon motion by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Chavis and unanimously passed; it was RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves to hire Eddie Carrick, CPA as the auditor for 2021.

#### President/CEO Reports-

## Bad Debt Write Offs-Mr. Capobianco

Mr. Capobianco discussed the 2019 write off information to the board. This year we need approval to write off \$128,410. Upon motion by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mrs. Caddell and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the write-offs for 2019 in the amount of \$128,410.

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. McFadden and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss several contract bids. Upon a motion, second and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive session, no action was taken in the Executive Session. The following items were approved by the board: ROW Clearing Time and Equipment Contract and ROW Maintenance Lump Sum Contract.

Upon motion by Mrs. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Gourdine and unanimously passed; it was **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., has awarded to Asplundh, the 2021-2022 Clearing Time and Equipment Contract. This contract is a two-year contract in the amount of \$2,600,000.

Upon motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mr. McFadden and unanimously passed; it was RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., has awarded to Asplundh, Kendall, Lewis, Right Way, Wright Tree and Xylem the 2021-2024, ROW

Lump Sum Contract. This contract is a four-year contract in the amount of \$3,500,000 per

year.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

Chairman Brunson called for the Attorney's Report, and Mr. Williams informed the Board of several cases which did not require any action by the Board.

New Business-

The Chairman then called for new business. The next board meeting will be held on December 11, 2020.

Old Business - None.

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

Harry A. Brunson, Chairman

H. Wayne Dewitt, Secretary