

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
August 23, 2021
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, August 23, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Headquarters in Moncks Corner.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, Mr. Gourdine gave the invocation and we stood to honor the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Trustees were present:

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

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Human Resources Louise Meade and as well as General Counsel John B. Williams. CRDA's President and CEO David Ginn was also present at the meeting.

Mr. Fuller introduced the President and CEO of CRDA David Ginn. Mr. Ginn thanked the Board for sharing Mr. Fuller with them. Mr. Ginn gave a brief overview of how CRDA works and the 2020-2021 Regional Economic Scorecard.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the July's board meeting, which was held on July 26, 2021. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mrs. Shuler, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Board Meeting as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders

Mr. Sanders presented information from the last ECSC's board meeting and there was no action necessary. Mr. Sanders went over the dues for the 2022 year and reviewed over the comparison sheet from 2021 dues to the 2022 dues. Mr. Sanders stated that they will approve the 2022 ECSC's budget in October.

Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt stated there was no Central meeting this month. The next meeting will be scheduled for September 8th.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine stated that the last meeting was done virtually due to the increase in positive COVID cases. CEEUS had made several building improvements and have completed phase 1 and 2. We are still ranked #1 out of all the Electric Cooperatives in the state.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from July 2021. Mr. Stevens reviewed over portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7.

2021 Audit Request for Proposal- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens sent bids out for the 2021 Audit Request. We received three bids back. Mr. Stevens went over the factors to consider with choosing an auditor for BEC. The auditor will protect the Board and Cooperative by performing oversight function and provide industry guidance. Mr. Stevens' recommendation to the Board is to award this contract to McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks and Co., LLC. The cost of this contract will be \$37,500. Upon a motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. McFadden, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves awarding the contract for the 2021 Auditor to McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks and Co., LLC. This contact amount will be \$37,500.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller gave a brief update on the COVID cases here at the Cooperative. We have had 13 positives and 56 exposures. Most employees will be working remotely that can work remotely. The lobbies are still closed but drive-thru' s are open.

We hosted a retiree event at the River Dog's game it was a great success, and we will be planning another event in the near future.

Credential Committee Appointment-Mr. Williams

General Counsel John B. Williams. Mr. Williams brought it to the attention of the Board that the 2021 Credential Committee needed to be appointed. Upon motion by Mr. Vandross, seconded by Mr. Brunson and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following members to serve on the 2021 Credential Committee: The three incumbents running for re-election (District 2,3,6 and 9) did not name anyone to the Credential Committee.

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| District 1 | Mr. George Lloyd | District 6 | Mr. Lubert Pressley |
| District 2 | Mrs. Vaiter Litchfield | District 7 | Mrs. Barbara Pruitt |
| District 3 | Mr. William Jones | District 8 | Mrs. Margaret Holst |
| District 4 | Mr. Robert Pearson | District 9 | Mr. Bryant Carter |
| District 5 | Mr. James Gladden | | |

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on.

Mr. Williams proposed for the board to approve the bill that states that the Cooperative will increase in tax money contributions. The amount would change from \$400,000 to \$600,000. The contributions can not be used for private properties. Upon a motion by Mr. Brunson, seconded by Mrs. Shuler and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that we will increase in tax money contributions from \$400,000 to \$600,000.

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