

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
December 9, 2021
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.** at the Wampee Conference Center in Pinopolis.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, Mr. Vandross 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	
Sam Gourdine	Sheila Powell	

Mr. George McFadden attended via telephone. President & CEO Michael S. 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 Amy Langdon, Manager of Communications Libby Roerig, and all of staff as well as General Counsel John B. Williams.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the November's board meeting which was held on November 22, 2021. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mr. Sanders, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the November 22, 2021 as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated that everyone was at attendance for the December board meeting at Winter Conference on December 7th. Mr. Sanders reviewed over the agenda and stated that Theresa Hicks will now be the chairman of ECSC.

Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt reviewed over some items that were discussed at the last Central board meeting. He will be forwarding a letter from Rob in regard to the Coordination Agreement.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine stated that CEEUS meet on Tuesday at Winter Conference. Berkeley is still number one in sales with CEEUS. There will be a price increase with several items. The CEEUS Trade Show will be on March 30, 2022, please mark your calendars.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

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

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Community Outreach Presentation-Mrs. Roerig

Mrs. Roerig reviewed over how the Public Relations team operates and the events that they have been working on to reach our members in the community. She also briefed us on how many members they are reaching on the digital media channels and social media outlets.

2020 Write Offs-Mrs. Langdon

Mrs. Langdon discussed the 2020 write off information to the board. This year we need approval to write off \$406, 712. Upon motion by Mr. Gourdine, seconded by Mrs. Shuler and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the write-offs for 2020 in the amount of \$406,712.

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. A contractual matter was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, seconded by Mr. Sanders second and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive session.

2022-2023 Underground Equipment Repair and Refurbishing Contract -Mr. Mobley

Mr. Mobley said that the recommendation is to award the contract to Utility Partners of America for the next two years for a maximum of \$240,000.00. Upon a motion by Mr. Vandross, seconded by Mr. Gourdine and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves awarding the Underground Equipment Repair and Refurbishing contract to Utility Partners of America for the next two years for a maximum of \$240,000.00 dollars.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams then advised the Chairman that the election of officers for 2022 needed to be held. The election of officers and delegates for CEE-US, CENTRAL, STATEWIDE, NRECA,

NRUCFC, NRTC, and SC TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION would be by secret ballot. The election was conducted by secret ballot and the results were as follows:

Chairman – H. Wayne DeWitt

Vice Chairman – Willis Sanders

Secretary/Treasurer – Connie Shuler

Cee-us/Line Equipment – Sam Gourdine

Central – Wayne DeWitt

Statewide – Willis Sanders

NRECA – George McFadden

NRUCFC – Sam Gourdine

NRTC – Robert Vandross

SC Trustee Assn. – Connie Shuler

Touchstone –Henry Chavis

Mr. Michael Fuller will serve as the alternate delegate for all statewide and national organizations for Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Gourdine and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby confirms the appointments listed above.

Mr. Williams advised the Chairman that the appointments for the Berkeley Electric Trust Board members also needed to be addressed.

All Board members elected to retain their current members on the Trust Board with the exception of District 2 and 8. Ms. Powell elected Mrs. Barbara Singleton for District 2. Mr. Brunson was not present to elect his representative, so he will appoint someone at the January board meeting.

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| DISTRICT NO. 1 -<i>Robert Vandross</i> | Queen Wilson |
| DISTRICT NO. 2 -<i>Sheila Powell</i> | Barbara Singleton |
| DISTRICT NO. 3-<i>H. Wayne DeWitt</i> | William Jones |
| DISTRICT NO. 4- <i>Sam Gourdine</i> | Alton Ruddy Hood |
| DISTRICT NO. 5- <i>George McFadden</i> | Gislaine Jenkins |
| DISTRICT NO. 6- <i>Willis Sanders</i> | Latonia Haskell |
| DISTRICT NO. 7-<i>Connie Shuler</i> | James Donald Graham |
| DISTRICT NO. 8-<i>Harry Brunson</i> | Vacant will appoint next month |
| DISTRICT NO. 9- <i>Henry H. Chavis, Sr.</i> | Samuel Brownlee Jr. |

Upon motion by Mr. Vandross, and seconded by Mr. Gourdine, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., has approved the proposed list of members for the Trust Board.

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

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.

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H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Connie Shuler", written over a horizontal line.

Connie Shuler, Secretary