

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
May 23, 2022
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, May 23, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Wampee Conference Center.

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	Harry Brunson
Sam Gourdine	Sheila Powell	

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, Vice President of Engineering and Operations Tim Mobley as well as General Counsel John B. Williams were in attendance as well.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the April's board meeting which was held on April 25, 2022. Upon motion by Mr. Gourdine, seconded by Ms. Powell , and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the April 25, 2022, as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated the Summer Conference will be held on June 6-8th at Isle of Palms.

Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt discussed several items that were discussed during Central's last board meeting.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine stated that the board meeting will be held at ECSC Summer Conference.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from March 2022. Mr. Stevens reviewed over portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7.

Governance Disclosure 2021 Review- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens discussed that this governance disclosure review is required by law and is posted on our BEC member portal. There are some slight differences from IRS 990, this form includes travel meals and expenses.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller**Cost Of Living Adjustment-Mr. Fuller**

Mr. Fuller said that the Executive Committee meet this morning and discussed giving every employee a one-time cost of living adjustment of \$1,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, seconded by Mr. Sanders unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves a one-time cost of living adjustment of \$1,000.00 for every employee.

Dedication Plaque-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller presented to the Board the following resolution to honor Mr. George McFadden and Ms. Carol Caddell as emeritus board members and recognize them on the dedication plaque.

WHEREAS, Berkeley Electric Cooperative is dedicating its headquarters facility after more than a decade of research and planning; and

WHEREAS, the facility is an investment by the cooperative's member-owners to serve future generations of the Lowcountry with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carol Caddell represented members in District Two as a trustee on the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board from 1998 to her death in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George McFadden represented members in District Five as a trustee on the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board from 2013 to his death in 2022; and

WHEREAS, during their tenures on the board, they provided outstanding leadership, guidance, and commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carol Caddell's and Mr. George McFadden's many contributions are of especial value in the development and enhancement of the Cooperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Electric Cooperative President and CEO and Board of Trustees honor Mrs. Carol Caddell and Mr. George McFadden as emeritus board members and recognize them on the dedication plaque of the new Berkeley Electric Cooperative headquarters facility.

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I, Connie Shuler, Secretary of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. held on the 23rd day of May, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present and voted.

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. There was

discussion regarding a contract. Upon a motion by Ms. Powell, seconded by Mr. Sanders second and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive session.

Hwy 176 UG Construction Contract-Mr. Mobley

Mr. Mobley said that the recommendation is to award the contract to Sumter Utilities for the US Hwy 176 Widening Phase 1 for a labor only contract in the amount of \$500,000.00. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, seconded by Ms. Powell unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves awarding the US Hwy 176 Widening Phase 1 for labor only contract to Sumter Utilities in the amount of \$500,000.00 dollars.

IRS Form 990 Review-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed over the 2021 IRS Form 990 with the Board.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

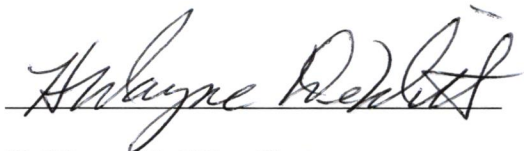
Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on.


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.


H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman


Connie Shuler, Secretary