

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
July 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the cooperative office in Hooker, Oklahoma, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Business Items:

Minutes

Minutes, and the Summary Minutes, from the Board Meeting on June 25, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

Executive Session

The Board determined there was not a need for an Executive Session at this time.

Appointment of Temporary Secretary

Motion to accept the appointment of Gayla James as the Temporary Secretary for the Board meeting on July 23, 2021 was approved.

Rescind Approval of GSEC Amendment to Wholesale Power Contract

Motion to rescind the approval on March 26, 2021 of the GSEC Amendment to Wholesale Power Contract was approved.

2021-22 Strategic & Risk Management Plan

Zac Perkins and the Senior Management Team presented the 2021-22 Strategic & Risk Management Plan 6-Month Update for review.

Boise City Franchise – Jim Fletcher

Jim Fletcher requested acceptance of the Boise City Franchise Agreement.

Motion to approve the Boise City Franchise Agreement for three percent (3%) for a term twenty-five years, with review every five years, was approved.

Corporate Policy 5 – Responsibilities of the CEO – Delegation of Authority

Motion to accept the policy as presented by staff was approved.

Presentation

Lyle Mathis presented a proposed plan to add a substation in Cimarron County area.

Committee Reports

Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC)

Ronny White reported that the OAEC Board did not meet in July.

Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC) – Zac Perkins

Zac Perkins reported that the KEC Board did not meet in July.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative (GSEC) – Shawn Martinez

Shawn Martinez reported that he and Zac Perkins attended the GSEC Annual Meeting on July 14th in Amarillo Texas. GSEC Board members elected Kelly Lankford, CEO of Concho Valley Electric Cooperation as the Board President and Zac Perkins was elected the Executive Committee.

Accounting Review Committee – Zac Perkins

Larry Dunn reported that the Accounting Review Committee did not meet.

Benefits Committee – Ronny White

Ronny White reported that the Benefits Committee did not meet in July.

Discussion Items:

CEO Update

Zac Perkins reported on the following topics:

- In response to a question raised at the June Board meeting, there is no set standard on the number of meetings required for the committees, information requested in consideration of whether committee meetings are needed that result in doubling the presentations for staff and the Board.
- In the FERC case decision received in June, exception briefs are to be filed on Monday July 26th for GridLiance and TCEC to respond to the 96 objections filed.
- The SPP Resource Alert (balance authority) email was shared this morning advising predicted hot weather conditions through July 31st.
- Zac Perkins will be attending the SPP meetings on 7/26 and 7/27 virtually because of a conflict with the district meetings this week.
- Zac Perkins also announced Brenda Merkle will be retiring to Florida in January 2022, with her last day in the office on August 27, 2021.

The Departmental Reports were provided in the Board Book.

Legal Update

Jim Fletcher provided an update on the small claims lawsuit on the nonpayment of the invoice from moving an overhead line will be filed next week.

Member Contacts

Member contacts received by the Trustees in July:

Reported on planned buss work planned to avoid outages in the Guymon area from birds;

Reported on a call received on the lack of traffic control by TCEC personnel during the rebuilding of storm damages on State Hwy 83;

Old Business

None to discuss.

New Business

Randy Schreiner commented on the two online NRECA courses he completed this week covering major problems in the cooperative industry and he wanted to offer his congratulations to staff on the strength of TCEC being recognized as an industry leader.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.