

Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
Board Meeting  
May 24, 2021  
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The following Trustees were present:

<b>Connie Shuler</b>	<b>Henry H. Chavis, Sr.</b>	<b>Robert Vandross</b>
<b>Willis Sanders</b>	<b>H. Wayne DeWitt</b>	<b>Joyce Holley</b>
<b>Sam Gourdine</b>	<b>George McFadden</b>	

Mr. Harry Brunson 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 and IT Tony Capobianco as well as General Counsel John B. Williams.

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

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

Chairman DeWitt then introduced Ms. Joyce Holley. Ms. Holley was appointed by the Nominating Committee to fill the un-expired term of Ms. Carol Caddell. Ms. Holley will have to run for that seat in November at the 2021 Annual Meeting. See attached the minutes from the Nominating Committee meeting on May 4, 2021.

## **Retirement Resolution for Tony Capobianco-Mr. Fuller**

Mr. Fuller and Mr. DeWitt presented the below signed resolution to honor Tony Capobianco on his years of service to the Cooperative.

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Capobianco has given distinguished service to Berkeley Electric Cooperative during his tenure as a Vice President and valued employee from 2008 to 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Capobianco has exhibited exemplary leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication to Cooperative activities during his tenure of service as Information Technology Manager from 2008 to 2010; as Vice President of Information Services from 2010 to 2014; as Vice President of Information Technology from 2014 to 2020 and as Vice President of Information Technology and Member Services from 2020 to 2021, and has contributed to the advancement of the Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, his many contributions have been of especial value in the development and enhancement of the Cooperative during his tenure;

**WHEREAS**, as a Vice President, he has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to his colleagues and has given generously of his energy and talents to Berkeley Electric Cooperative;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Electric Cooperative President and CEO and Board of Trustees formally acknowledge and express profound appreciation, high commendation, and sincere best wishes to Mr. Capobianco, for his many years of service to the membership of the Cooperative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the minutes of the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and that a copy thereof be duly executed and transmitted to him.

**ADOPTED BY THE BERKELEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY, TWENTY-THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders**

Mr. Sanders presented information from ECSC's financial report and there was no action necessary. Mr. Sanders also discussed some of the agenda items for the ECSC Summer Conference.

### **Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt**

Mr. DeWitt presented information from Central and there was no action necessary.

### **CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine**

The CEE-US board meeting is scheduled for next month during Summer Conference.

### **Annual Meeting Committee Report-Mr. Gourdine**

Mr. Gourdine proposed the following recommendation to the Board for the 2021 Annual Meeting.

2021 Recommendations to Full board: May 18, 2021

Present: Sam Gourdine: Chairman, Wayne Dewitt, Henry Chavis, Willis Sanders, Ashley Edens, Mike Fuller, Eddie Plowden

1. All drive through registration for members.
2. Business meeting to be recorded and POSTED for member view at the completion of voting: Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Minutes from the '19 & '20 annual meeting will be considered for approval by vote, along with voting on board members. New business will be made available for submission, prior to the meeting.
4. Registration gift: \$30 bill credit. Our 2020 registration was just over 12,000 members, over double quorum requirement.
5. Use in house employee for emcee services for the recorded meeting and the Meade Agency professionally record for presentation to our members.
6. The drive through registration be as follows:

Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> ½ day registration: Awendaw: 7 AM to 1 PM. (busiest time for 2020 was AM).

Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: Moncks Corner: 7 AM to 6 PM Moncks Corner baseball fields.

Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: Ladson Fairgrounds registration: Full Day 7 AM to 7 PM.

Thursday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>: Johns Island ½ registration: Noon to 6 PM (busiest time 2020 was PM)

Meeting registration times can be shortened, if there is no opposition to the election.

Meeting recorded: Meeting posted at 6 PM Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

7. Door prizes, including a vehicle, will be drawn by random drawing and members contacted after the voting has been completed. Members will be contacted on Friday morning Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted: Eddie Plowden  
 Recommended by Eddie Plowden: plan considered and approved by our VP's annual meeting committee and Mike Fuller.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 7	8 Annual Meeting Awendaw; 7 AM to 1 PM; Awendaw BEC ...	9	10 Annual Meeting; Moncks Corner; Moncks Corner Baseball fields	11 Veterans Day Holiday; Marketing/Mem ber Service Cal...	12	13
14	15	16 Annual Meeting Ladson Fairgrounds; Exchange Park f...	17	18 Annual meeting Johns Island; Johns Island District office	19	20

Upon motion by Mr. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Chavis, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation for the 2021 Annual Meeting as presented.**

**Trustee Association Committee Meeting-Mrs. Shuler**

Mrs. Shuler discussed that the committee reviewed a report of Trustee Association finances through yearend 2020. Lindsey Smith noted that because co-ops were billed in the first quarter for their 2021 Trustee Association dues, the yearend 2020 balance sheet was unchanged since the Board's last review. The Trustee Association Board directed ECSC staff to proceed with scheduling the 2022 event at the same hotel. The Trustee Association will plan on April 3-6 for the event pending a final vote on those dates at the ECSC Summer Conference in June.

**Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from March 2021.

**Load Forecast Resolution-Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Stevens presented the Load Forecast for the years 2021-2040.

**WHEREAS**, the Load Forecast for the years 2021-2040 as prepared by Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., our exclusive power supply provider, has been reviewed and is recommended by the President & CEO and staff to represent a reasonable estimate of the peak demand, number of consumers, and kilowatt-hours to be served during the period, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Michael Fuller, President and Chief Executive Officer, has recommended approving the load forecast and its uses,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Load Forecast for the period 2021-2040 is hereby approved and should be used for load estimates in planning for the future, including the development of future Construction Work Plans, plant investment estimates for Long Range Financial Forecasts, and any other such documents used to support requests for financing assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Upon motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Shuler, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the 2021-2040 Load Forecast as presented.

**President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller**

**Major Storm Plan-Mr. Mobley**

Mr. Mobley reviewed over highlights in our Major Storm Plan. The Board asked that we have an article in the SC Living magazine in regards to our Major Storm Plan and how we are preparing for the Hurricane season.

### **Executive Session**

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Shuler and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Shuler, seconded by Mr. McFadden second and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive session.

### **Approval of the 2020 IRS Form 990 -Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Stevens reviewed over the 2020 IRS Form 990. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis seconded by Mr. Vandross, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has approved the 2020 IRS Form 990.**

### **Moncks Corner District Office and Headquarters Property -Mr. Williams**

Mr. Williams discussed the current appraisals on the property. Mr. Williams asked that the Board approve the property be advertised and listed on the market. Upon motion by Mr. Vandross seconded by Mr. McFadden and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the Moncks Corner Headquarters and District Office will be advertised and listed on the market.**

**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

On May 4, 2021, the following members of the Nominating Committee met at the Cooperative's Office in Moncks Corner, South Carolina this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

- District # 1 Patricia Casey
- District # 2 Absent
- District # 3 Tamera Barnette
- District # 4 Peggy Williams
- District # 5 Gislaine Jenkins
- District # 6 Absent
- District # 7 Absent
- District # 8 Tim Nixon
- District # 9 Ryan Rushton

Ryan Rushton; Chairman and Tamera Barnette; Secretary.

The following members were nominated as Candidates from their respective

Districts:

District No. 2 Joyce Holley


SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary





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**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 Directors of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. held on the 24 May, 2021 at which meeting a quorum was present.

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