

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
July 26, 2021
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, July 26, 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	

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 Member Services Amy Langdon, VP of Human Resources Louise Meade, Manager of Communications Libby Roerig, Sr. Director of Talent and Organization Development Kristen Halverson and as well as General Counsel John B. Williams.

Mr. Fuller introduced Ms. Halverson to the group and asked that she give the board an update since the Strategic Planning meeting back in February.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the June's board meeting, which was held on June 21, 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 June 21, 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 stated that they will approve the 2022 ECSC's budget in October.

Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt stated that the Executive Committee recommends Central's Board adopt a resolution to modify Board Policy 5-Attendance at Meeting be amended to provide that the per diem rate for attendance via telephone or other electronic means at (1) special called committee meeting, and (2) ad hoc committee meeting, shall be one half the regular per diem rate.

Jim Lovinggood stated that he is turning over his Ex-Officio position on the Santee Cooper board to Rob Hochstetler and Rob Ardis. Santee Cooper has a new Chairman Peter McCoy, and Central will have two ex officio non-voting board members.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from May 2021. Mr. Stevens has scheduled a finance workshop for staff with Scott Lucall.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Acre Contributions and Media Marketing Report Update -Mrs. Roerig

Mrs. Roerig asked that the Acre dues be turned in before July 17th.

Deposit Policy for New Members-Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Langdon

Mrs. Langdon explained the process for new members that are starting up new service with BEC. She reviewed over the write off history and stated that we have had low write offs as a result of widespread prepaid adoption and deposit requirements. The Board agreed to leave the policy as is and there was no action taken.

Trust Board Per Diem-Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt discussed the per diem rate for the Trust Board. He stated that they only get paid mileage to make home visits to the members that apply for Roundup funds. Mr. DeWitt recommended increasing the per diem rate from \$150 to \$175. Upon a motion by Mr. Chavis and Mrs. Shuler and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the per diem rate for the Trust Board to increase to \$175 per meeting.

Executive Session

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the contract to sell the Johns Island property.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that legal council goes forward with negotiations for the Moncks Corner Headquarters building.

Nominating Committee-Mr. Williams.

General Counsel John B. Williams. Mr. Williams brought it to the attention of the Board that the 2021 Nominating Committee met on July 8th at 6:00pm.

Pursuant to a notice mailed by the Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., on June 30, 2021, the following members of the Nominating Committee met at the Cooperative's Office in Moncks Corner, South Carolina this 8th day of July, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

- District # 1 Vacant**
- District # 2 Vacant**
- District # 3 Tamera Barnette**
- District # 4 Peggy Williams**
- District # 5 Vacant**
- District # 6 Joe L. Wade**
- District # 7 Lynn Dehay**
- District # 8 Tim Nixon**
- District # 9 Ryan Rushton**

Ryan Rushton was elected Chairman and Tamera Barnette was elected Secretary.

The following members were nominated as Candidates from their respective

Districts:

- District No. 2 Joyce Holley**
- District No. 3 Wayne DeWitt**
- District No. 6 Willis Sanders**
- District No. 9 Henry Chavis**

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

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

New Business-

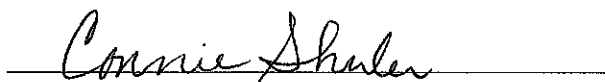
The Chairman then called for new business. There was none.

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