

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
May 28, 2024
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Tuesday, May 28, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, and Chairman DeWitt 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	Lee Clayton
Sam Gourdine	Sheila Powell	Bob Jenkins

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

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the April's board meeting which was held on April 29, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Clayton seconded by Mr. Chavis, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the April 29, 2024 board meeting, as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders

Mr. Sanders gave a brief update on what was discussed at the Communications Committee meeting. The next ECSC board meeting will be held at the summer conference on June 5th.

Central Meeting Report-Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt gave a few updates on what was discussed at the last board meeting in May. Paul Basha was recognized for his years of service through resolution and presented the Brick award. Mr. DeWitt reviewed the Central's board meeting summary.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine stated there was no CEEUS board meeting this month. Mr. Fuller showed the CEEUS pricing illustration outlining material price increases, since January of 2020 for overhead construction.

Financial Report-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from March 2024. Mr. Stevens reviewed portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7. Mr. Stevens also reviewed over the 990 form for the 2023 tax year. The ORS requires that board compensation be posted on our websites by May 15th.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller gave updates on the Bright Ideas 5K Race. The Co-op raised \$50,000 for grants that will honor 48 teachers. This was a new record for the 5K fundraiser. Mr. Fuller stated that a group of CEO's toured the Cross generating plant. He asked if there were any interest any the Board taking that tour. River Dogs baseball tickets are still available if anyone is interested in them.

Executive Session-

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Clayton seconded by Mr. Vandross and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session. A contractual matter was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded Mrs. Powell and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive Session.

Amendment to UG Line Extension and Improvement Contract- Mr. Harvey

Mr. Harvey presented a yearly comparison of the total underground services per year from 2019-2023. He proposed that due to continued growth in all three counties the 2022-2025 UG Line Extension and Improvement Contract be amended to increase \$5,000,000.00 to the labor only contract. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis seconded by Mrs. Shuler, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves to award Sumter Utilities, Inc. an increase of \$5,000,000.00 to the 2022-2025 Underground Line Extension and Improvement Contract due to continued growth in Berkeley, Dorchester, and Charleston Counties. This labor only contract total amount is amended from \$16,000,000.00 to \$21,000,000.00. The amendment will not change the length of the contract, nor will the unit prices change. The materials are to be furnished by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Harvey requested that a 2026-2027 budget item, digger derrick, be approved to be ordered now due to the lengthy lead time. Upon motion by Mr. Clayton seconded by Mr. Gourdine, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves for operations to go ahead with the purchase order of the digger derrick that will be budgeted in 2026-2027 year due to the lengthy production time.

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