

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
January 21, 2025
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Tuesday, January 21, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, Mr. Vincent gave the invocation, and we stood to honor the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Trustees participated via telephone:

Connie Shuler	Henry H. Chavis, Sr.	Robert Vandross
Willis Sanders	Lee Clayton	Robert "Bob" Jenkins
Sam Gourdine	Sheila Powell	

Present at the board meeting was the chairman of the board H. Wayne DeWitt, President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Operations Tommy Harvey, VP of Public Relations Tony Vincent, as well as General Counsel John B. Williams were in attendance.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the December board meeting which was held on December 13, 2024. Upon motion by Mrs. Powell, seconded by Mr. Clayton, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the December 13, 2024 board meeting, as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Board Report-Willis Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated there was not a ECSC board meeting this month but there was a Communication and Government Committee meeting last Friday.

Central Meeting Report – Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt stated there was a board meeting on January 8th and they sat the new manager from Horry Electric Reed Cooper as a new board member and they introduced Frankie Blanton. Mr. Hochstetler provided the President's report and reflected on his 10 years at Central and discussed contrasting issues from then versus today. Mr. Chavez gave a report on 2024 achievements, noting the metrics that were achieved and the related impacts.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine stated there was not a CEEUS board meeting this month.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from November 2024. Mr. Stevens reviewed over portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7.

Legislative Update-Mr. Vincent

Mr. Vincent gave the Board an update on what has been going on in the State House this past week. There are three new representatives in the senate. February 13th will be Co-op Day at the State House, and we will be renting a van to transport employees and board members. We will

send out more details once we get closer to this date. The NRECA Washington Legislative Conference is scheduled for April 27-30th, more details will be coming with this.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller gave an update on how much snow and ice we are expected to get over the next few days. It is calling for 1-2 inches and the temperature will be in the mid-twenties at 4pm this afternoon. Mr. Fuller discussed what we are doing in preparation of any weather related outages. Most of the in-office employees will be working remotely tomorrow and we will reevaluate tomorrow afternoon.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

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

Executive Session-

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

Directional Boring Contract-Mr. Harvey

We bid out the directional boring contract that will expire on January 31, 2025. We recommend that we award this four-year contract to Pinnacle Construction from February 1st, 2025, to January 31, 2029, in the amount of \$ 9 million. Upon motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mrs. Powell and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that we award Pinnacle Construction the Directional Boring Contract in the amount of \$9 million from February 1st, 2025, to January 31, 2029.

New Business-

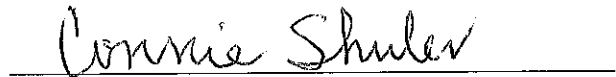
The Chairman then called for new business. The April board meeting will be moved to April 21st due to the NRECA Washington Legislative Conference held in Washington DC being held on April 27-29th.

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