Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board Meeting March 24, 2025 Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held Monday, March 24, at 1:00 P.M. at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

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

The following Trustees were present:

Henry H. Chavis, Sr. Robert Vandross

**Bob Jenkins** 

Willis Sanders

H. Wayne DeWitt

Lee Clayton

Sam Gourdine

Sheila Powell

Mrs. Shuler attended via telephone. President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive

Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Member

Amy Langdon, VP of Human Resources Louise Meade, VP of Public Relations Tony Vincent,

Director of Corporate Services Jason Smith, VP of Engineering Chris Rutledge, VP of

Operations Tommy Harvey, Director of Engineering Services Thomas Barnette, Moncks Corner

District Operations Manager Kevin Mizzell, Director of Safety and Technical Training Trey

Colyar, as well as General Counsel John B. Williams. Russ Roundtree from McNair, McLemore,

Middlebrooks and Company was also in attendance to present the 2024 Audit Report. The

following linemen won the South Carolina's Lineman's Rodeo the journeyman team included

Britt Pipkin, Robbie Harrelson and KJ Rhode and were present at the meeting.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the February's board meeting which was held on February 24, 2025. 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 February 24 2025, board meeting, as presented.

### 2024 Audit Review-Mr. Roundtree

Mr. Fuller asked Mr. Rountree to present the 2024 Audit Report to the Board. After some discussion, upon motion by Mr. Chavis seconded by Mr. Vandross and unanimously approved passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the 2024 Audit Report as submitted by CPA Russ Roundtree.

### **Committee Reports**

## Central Board Report-Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt discussed several topics that were discussed at the March 2025 Annual Meeting and Board Meeting.

## ECSC Board Report-Mr. Sanders

Mr. Sanders did not have a report this month. The ECSC Board meeting will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# CEEUS Board Report-Mr. Gourdine

There was no report this month. The CEEUS Trade Show will be on March 26th.

## Financial Report-Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith reviewed the financial reports from January 2024. Mr. Smith reviewed portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7.

### President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller mentioned that the Board and Staff Strategic Planning meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lowcountry Conference Center in Nexton. Mr. Fuller has several committee meetings he will be attending in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Executive Session-**

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Vandross seconded by Mr. Clayton and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session. Mr. Barnette made a presentation to the Board on a contract. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, Mr. Chavis seconded and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive Session.

### MNK Bid Proposal-Mr. Barnette

Mr. Barnette proposed that the following contract be awarded to Sumter Utilities. Upon a motion by Mr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Vandross and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., has awarded Sumter Utilities, Inc. the construction contract for MNK 9 and MNK 10 Substation projects. The contract total amount is \$34,898,236.44. The materials furnished by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be in the same amount of \$29,182,404.58 and the contractor's bid for labor and materials is \$5,715,831.86.

#### 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