

# MINUTES



**Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Board of Trustees  
January Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 7:15 pm - 9:04 pm  
Hartford**

## **In Attendance**

Danny McNeil; David Winstead; Debra Baxley; Donald Ray Wilks; Greg McCullough; John Clark, Jr.; Kip Justice; Randy Odom; Tracy Reeder

### **I. Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on January 25, 2022, at the Headquarters Office of the Cooperative in Geneva County, Alabama.

### **II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation was given by Danny McNeil and Debra Eubanks Baxley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. Those Absent**

### **IV. Introduction of Guests**

### **V. Action Items-Agenda**

#### **A. Approve Consent Agenda**

Items included in the Consent Agenda include the review and approval of the Safety Report and Hours Worked Report; the Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2021, Board of Trustees Meeting and to Vote on 165 persons who have requested membership in the Cooperative in December and who have complied with requirements of the By-Laws, and who are now receiving service. Vote off 148 members who have ceased to receive electric service in December, and who have requested to withdraw their membership.

Move: Greg McCullough Second: Debra Baxley Status: Passed

### **VI. Report from Audit & Finance Committee**

The Finance & Audit Committee met prior to the board meeting to review travel expenses for the Board, 1099 totals, and CEO expenses for 2021. Trustee, Kip Justice, made a motion to approve these expenses. With a motion from the Finance & Audit Committee, no second required. Motion passed.

#### **A. Consider Approval - Financial Management Plan**

Trustee, Kip Justice, relayed that the Audit & Finance Committee brings a motion before the board, at the recommendation of management, for approval of the 2021 Financial Management Plan - Policy 301.

This Policy was adopted in 2006 as a guideline to management over and above the RUS covenants. It is the financial obligation of the cooperative to ensure the financial integrity of WEC so that we may provide high quality electric service at the lowest possible long term costs.

No second needed. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **VII. Lisa LeNoir- Chief Financial Officer**

Lisa LeNoir, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial and Operating Report for December. A motion was made to accept the operating report as presented and a second. Motion passed.

Move: Danny McNeil Second: Randy Odom Status: Passed

VIII. Report from Corporate Planning and E&O Committee

The Corporate Planning and E&O Committee met prior to the board meeting to review 219's October - December 2021. Trustee, Greg McCullough made a motion to approve 219's as presented. With a motion from the Corporate Planning and E&O Committee, no second required. Motion passed.

IX. Jason Thrash- Vice President of Engineering & Operations

Jason Thrash, Vice President of Engineering & Operations, updated the Board on the RF Meter Project. Additionally, he reviewed the results of the recent load control/voltage reduction event due to the weather.

X. Brad Kimbro- Chief Operating Officer

Brad Kimbro, Chief Operating Officer, updated the Board on the progress of the spec building being built by the Geneva County Commission through the Economic Development Loan Program with PSE. Further, he reviewed the RDOF maps. He also updated the Board on the status of the Highway project.

Brad went on to review the 2021 member services report with the Board.

XI. Les Moreland- Chief Executive Officer

XII. Report of Legal Activities- Russ Parrish

XIII. Report from AREA (Kip Justice, AREA Representative)

Alabama Rural Electric Association Board of Trustees Meeting was held Thursday, December 02, 2021, and discussion was held concerning the same, led by AREA Trustee representative, Kip Justice. The next AREA Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 03, 2022.

XIV. Report from PowerSouth (Debra Eubanks Baxley, PSE Representative)

Power South's Board of Trustees Meeting was held on December 17, 2021; discussion was held concerning the same, led by Power South Trustee representative, Debra Eubanks Baxley. The next Power South Board of Trustees Meeting will be held in January 2022 in conjunction with the PowerSouth Trustee Update.

XV. Next Board Meeting

There will be a Special Meeting of the Board on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the budget.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022 at the Hartford office of the Cooperative. Committees will meet at 6:15 p. m. with the board meeting immediately following.

XVI. Adjourn

A motion and second was made to conclude this meeting of the Cooperative Board of Trustees.

Move: Greg McCullough Second: Danny McNeil Status: Passed



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President

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Secretary

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