



## MINUTES

**Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Board of Trustees  
July Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 6:15 pm - 10:00 pm  
Hartford**

### **In Attendance**

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

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on July 23, 2019, at the Headquarters Office of the Cooperative in Geneva County, Alabama.

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

Invocation was given by Les Moreland and Debra Baxley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. Those Absent**

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

#### **V. Business of the Membership**

Business of the Membership was discussed. Letters of thanks were received from Washington Youth Tour Delegates.

#### **VI. 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 June 25, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting and to Vote on 209 persons who have requested membership in the Cooperative in June and who have complied with requirements of the By-Laws, and who are now receiving service. Vote off 185 members who have ceased to receive electric service in June, and who have requested to withdraw their membership.

Move: David Winstead Second: Danny McNeil Status: Passed

##### **B. Appoint NRECA Region 2/3 Voting Delegate**

The NRECA Region 2/3 Meeting will be held October 8 - 10, 2019 in Louisville, KY. A motion and second was made to appoint Kip Justice as voting Delegate and Les Moreland as alternate (by default). Motion passed.

Move: Donald Ray Wilks Second: Greg McCullough Status: Passed

##### **C. Review Composition of WEC's 9 Districts**

After a review of the WEC territory, the Board of Trustees were in agreement that there were no inequalities found during the review of districts.

##### **D. Approve RF Meter Pilot Program**

Les Moreland, Chief Executive Office, and Danny Exum, Manager of Information Systems, discussed the proposal of the RF Meter Pilot Program. After discussion, a motion and second were made to approve moving forward with the RF Pilot Program. All in favor.

Move: Greg McCullough Second: Debra Baxley Status: Passed

E. Amend Capital Budget

Les Moreland, Chief Executive Office, and Danny Exum, Manager of Information Systems, discussed amending the Capital Budget to accommodate installation of fire monitoring systems and alarms in our Hartford, Ashford, and Dothan office locations. The increase to the capital budget is approximately \$50,000. After discussion, a motion and second were made to approve moving forward with amending the capital budget to accommodate the installation. All in favor.

Move: Kip Justice Second: David Winstead Status: Passed

F. Approve 2019 PSE Load Forecast

Les Moreland, CEO presented the highlights from the 2019 Power South Load Forecast. After a brief discussion, a motion and second was made to approve the 2019 Load Forecast. All in favor. Resolution is hereto attached as Exhibit "A".

Move: Greg McCullough Second: Danny McNeil Status: Passed

G. Review and Approve 2018 Form 990

As a not for profit organization, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc. is responsible for filing Form 990. Each trustee was presented a copy for review and approval prior to filing. A motion and second was made to approve the Form 990 as presented. All in favor.

Move: Donald Ray Wilks Second: Greg McCullough Status: Passed

H. Review/Approve Policy 611 - Cooperative Assigned Devices

The Board reviewed and approved Policy 611 in reference to Cooperative assigned devices. Currently, the Cooperative does not have a policy in place that reflects how such devices are to be handled. This policy puts in writing the expectations of the Cooperative as they relate to these devices. The approved policy can be viewed as Exhibit "B" as attached to the signed minutes.

Move: Kip Justice Second: Donald Ray Wilks Status: Passed

I. Accept Financial/Operating Report for June

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

Move: Debra Baxley Second: John Clark, Jr. Status: Passed

J. Youth Tour Discussion

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to increase the number of Youth Tour participants sent to Washington DC from two to up to three attendees to be selected by an independent panel of judges.

Move: Tracy Reeder Second: David Winstead Status: Passed

VII. COO's Report- Brad Kimbro

VIII. CEO's Report- Les Moreland

IX. Attorney's Report- Russ Parrish

X. Board Committee Reports- PSE/AREA

Power South's Board of Trustees Meeting was held on June 28, 2019; discussion was held concerning the same, led by Power South Trustee representative, Tracy Reeder. The next

Power South Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on July 26, 2019.

Alabama Rural Electric Association Board of Trustees Meeting was held on May 30, 2019, and discussion was held concerning the same, led by AREA Trustee representative, Danny McNeil. The next AREA Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on July 25, 2019.

XI. Next Board Meeting

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2019 at the Hartford office of the Cooperative at 6:15 p. m. The Audit Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. for the presentation of the 2019 audit.

XII. Adjourn

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

Move: Danny McNeil Second: Greg McCullough Status: Passed



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President

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Secretary

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