

## MINUTES



**Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Board of Trustees  
September Board Meeting  
Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:15 pm - 8:30 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 September 25, 2023, 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**

Gary Smith, PowerSouth

#### **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 August 29, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting and to Vote on 242 persons who have requested membership in the Cooperative in August and who have complied with requirements of the By-Laws, and who are now receiving service. Vote off 200 members who have ceased to receive electric service in August, and who have requested to withdraw their membership.

Move: Debra Baxley Second: Randy Odom Status: Passed

##### **B. Appoint NRECA Director Election Voting Delegate**

The NRECA Director Election will take place in conjunction with the AREA Member Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama on September 28, 2023.

A motion and second were made to allow Kip Justice, Trustee, to vote as delegate on behalf of the Cooperative. Motion Passed.

Move: Danny McNeil Second: Tracy Reeder Status: Passed

##### **C. Consider Approval - Updated Rate Tariff**

Trustee, David Winstead, relayed that the Executive Committee reviewed the recommendation by management to update the Rate Tariff as follows:

Rate 3- Remove the per kW >15 and reduce Demand to \$5.00 per kW

Rate 15- Remove the per kW>18 and reduce Demand to \$2.25 per kW

Rate 40- Increase Demand to \$1.25 per kW

Rate 41 - Remove the per kW>30 and reduce Demand to \$3.00 per kW; Reduce Energy to \$.109 per kWh

Rate 42 - Increase Demand to \$8.30 per kW; Reduce Energy to \$.106 per kWh

Prior to recommending these rate changes, management reviewed accounts in each Rate Class to determine overall effect on membership.

No second needed. Motion passed.

Hereto attached as Exhibit "A".

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

Trustee, Kip Justice, relayed that there was no report from the Audit & Finance Committee.

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

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

Move: Randy Odom Second: Greg McCullough Status: Passed

#### VIII. Report from Corporate Planning and E&O Committee

Trustee, Greg McCullough, relayed that there was no report from the Corporate Planning and E&O Committee.

#### IX. Jason Thrash- Vice President of Engineering & Operations

Jason Thrash, Vice President of Engineering & Operations, updated the Board on the RF Meter Project.

#### X. Brad Kimbro- Chief Operating Officer

#### XI. Les Moreland- Chief Executive Officer

#### XII. Report of Legal Activities- Russ Parrish

#### XIII. Executive Session - Gary Smith, PowerSouth

Executive session.

Recess.

Concluded the meeting in the regular meeting.

#### XIV. Report from AREA (Kip Justice, AREA Representative)

Alabama Rural Electric Association Board of Trustees Meeting was held Monday, July 17, 2023, in conjunction with the AREA Summer Conference, and discussion was held concerning the same, led by AREA Trustee representative, Kip Justice. The next AREA Board of Trustees Meeting will be held Thursday, September 28, 2023.

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

Power South's Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Friday, September 22, 2023; 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 on Friday, October 27, 2023.

#### XVI. Next Board Meeting

The Wiregrass Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting will be held at the Wiregrass Electric Cooperative Headquarters in Hartford, Alabama on Friday, October 20, 2023.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the Hartford office of the Cooperative. Committees will meet at 6:15 p.m. with the board meeting immediately following.

#### XVII. Adjourn

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

Move: Debra Baxley Second: Greg McCullough Status: Passed



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