

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BARRON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
February 26, 2025

Call to Order

The regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Barron Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative headquarters on February 26, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Cook. Board members present included Baker, Blaskowski, Bol, Cook, Effertz, Kessler, Mandel, Olson & Warwick

Others present were General Manager Torud, Staff Members Steines, Straw & Member Michael Decker.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Attendance & Discussion with Members

President Cook announced member Michael Decker to the meeting. Mr. Decker introduced himself to the board.

Safety Message

Director Kessler gave a safety message.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 29, 2025, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #104037 through #104106 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$371,809 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$4,625. Total receipts in the office \$2,220,102; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,633,319; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$3,165,883; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$214,470 and the power bill was paid on 02/26/2025 in the amount of \$2,499,211.

Voucher Review

A list of vouchers was reviewed by the board.

Manager and Staff Reports

General Manager Torud and Staff members Steines & Straw presented a written and oral reports of their activities for the month.

CFC Facility Loan Resolution

Director of Finance Straw reviewed the CFC Facility Loan Resolution with the board.

Director Baker moved, Director Effertz seconded, to approve the CFC Facility Loan Resolution and affix signatures. Motion carried.

Staff and Member Decker Dismissed.

#### Membership List

A membership list of 32 was presented and approved without objection.

#### Other Meetings Attended

The Directors discussed the DPC District Meeting they attended on February 10, 2025. Director Blaskowski reported on the CCD courses he attended on February 11 & 12, 2025. Director Kessler reported on the Safety Meeting he attended on February 12, 2025. Directors Baker, Effertz, Mandel & Warwick reported on the BLC course they attended on February 12, 2025. The directors reviewed the Monthly Safety Report from Denise Fox, Compliance Safety and Training Officer.

#### Reports

Reports listed in the board packet were reviewed for the month of January including the power bill, department statistics, fleet management and budget month-to-date.

#### Inventory of Work Orders

Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of January in the amount of \$173,258.01 was presented for approval and included new services \$0; change jobs \$0; Other Work Order Projects \$173,258.01 and 27 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

#### Outage and Overtime

Outages year-to-date stand at 747.00 consumer hours off, which is 12.7% below 2024 hours of 855.65. Overtime year-to-date is 101.75 hours, which is 40.34% above 2024 hours of 72.50.

#### Donation Request – High School to Heroes Banquet

The board discussed the donation request for the High School to Heroes Banquet. At the January 29, 2025 board meeting, the board donated \$500 with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation to the event. The motion was amended to approve a total of \$1,500 with funds to be derived from Federated Youth Foundation for the event. Director Effertz moved to approve the amendment, Director Warwick seconded, motion carried as amended.

#### Dairyland Wholesale Contract & Rate Education Class for Directors

Directors Olson, Kessler, Baker, Warwick, Blaskowski, Mandel, Cook and Effertz will attend the Dairyland Wholesale Contract & Rate Education Class for Directors virtually on September, 16, 2025.

#### Policy No. 624 – Idle Services

General Manager Torud reviewed Policy No. 624 – Idle Services and presented suggestions to update the policy. Director Warwick moved, Director Baker seconded, to approve the policy as presented by General Manager Torud. Motion carried.

#### Walmart Service & Rate Agreement

General Manager Torud reviewed the Walmart Service & Rate Agreement with the board. The board approved the service and rate agreement as presented with signatures to be affixed.

The director's expense accounts for the month were reviewed and approved by the board without objection.

Other Business:

Director Effertz is scheduled to attend the Safety Meeting on March 13, 2025.

The March Board Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

WECA Education & Lobby Days are scheduled for March 31, April 1-2, 2025 in Madison.

Director Bol's retirement dinner is scheduled for April 3, 2025.

The cooperative's Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2025 at the Barron Electric Cooperative Headquarters.

Director Warwick will be attending the NRECA Legislative Conference scheduled for April 27-29, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2025.

Directors Baker, Blaskowski, Mandel & Warwick are scheduled to attend the Director's Financial Webinar on May 15, 2025.

The office will be closed on May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.

The May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2025.

The DPC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2025 in La Crosse.

The June Board Meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2025.

The office will be closed on July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.

The WECA District 3 Meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025 at Barron Electric Cooperative headquarters.

The July Board Meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Patricia Mandel, Secretary