

Minutes  
Meeting of Trustees of the Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc. Auditorium

1. Roll Call—Trustees Present: Janet Bright-District 1, Chris Hemphill-District 2, Dianne Prestridge-District 3, Bill Stricklend-District 4, Tyler Barnes-District 5; Charlie Griffin-District 6; Nathan Clark-District 7, Charles W Whisenant-District 8 and Ty Smith-District 9. Also present were Stacey White-General Manager; Clint Maze-Board Attorney, Cooperative Employees, and other members of the public.
2. Invocation (Agenda Item #2)—Clint Maze
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda Item #3)—Bill Stricklend
4. Approval of the Agenda (Agenda Item #4)—Bill Stricklend made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Janet Bright. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
5. Approval of the Minutes (Agenda Item #5)— There was a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 REVISED Regular Meeting of the Trustees made by Dianne Prestridge, seconded by Ty Smith. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
6. Approval of the Minutes (Agenda Item #6)— There was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Trustees made by Nathan Clark, seconded by Tyler Barnes. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
7. Management Update (Agenda Item #7)—The General Manager updated the Board on the daily operations of AECEI. Mrs. White presented the Board Monthly Collection and Meter Department Report, the Three-Month Cash/Investment Accounts Balances Report, the Monthly Report to TVA, the last month of the FY 2020 Monthly Operational Budget Report, and the chart of revenues and expenses compared with the previous year to date. The reports are made a part of the minutes.

The General Manager advised the Board the first payment to CFC would be due on September 30, 2021, in the approximate amount between \$38,000-\$39,000. The Board President, at the conclusion of the General Manager's update on the Substation, to discussed with the Board the possible need to rename the Sweet Home Substation. The substation is located in the Brashiers Chapel Community, rather than the Sweet Home Community. There was further discussion and then Nathan Clark made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose to renaming the Sweet Home Substation to Brashiers Chapel Substation with TVA, seconded by Janet Bright. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays. With the rules suspended, Charlie Griffin made a motion to Amend the Agenda to add the renaming to the agenda, seconded by Ty Smith. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays. Bill Stricklend made the motion to rename the Sweet Home Substation to Brashiers Chapel Substation with TVA when the substation is brought online, seconded by Dianne Prestridge. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.

The General Manager concluded her report by updating the Board on AMI, surplus items being sold on Govdeals.com, the newly implemented job shadowing program, the audit being concluded and the installation of the hospital switch. The General Manager did tell the Board that a new underground service was going to be required at the hospital, which may necessitate the

hospital being supplied electricity by a temporary generator. The hospital staff and the Cooperative Staff continue to work through the logistics of meeting this need.

The General Manager then introduced Karl Rayburn, the new President and CEO of Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives. Mr. Rayburn provided a brief update on AREA operations, which included a report on the health and workers' compensation insurance program in which the Cooperative is a participant.

8. Personnel Committee Update (Agenda Item #8)—The Personnel Committee Chairman reported there was no update.

9. Finance Committee Update (Agenda Item #9)—The Finance Committee Chairman reported there was no update.

10. Right of Way Committee Update (Agenda Item #10)—The Right of Way Committee Chairman reported that the committee held its first meeting on July 20, 2021. This being the first meeting, there were no proposals to the full Board at this time.

11. Old Business (Agenda Item #11)—Update on Brashiers Chapel Substation. Mrs. White informed the Board that the project remains on schedule and the control house has been delivered to the site. The Cooperative is awaiting on delivery of poles for the exit feeders. It is expected that the substation will be online in November, 2021. There is no update on the upgrades to the Sundown Substation.

12. Declaration of Surplus Items: (Agenda Item # 12)—There is only a pole trailer on the surplus list. The General Manager informed the Board of a need at Trenholm Community College for a pole trailer for their lineman program. Dianne Prestridge made a motion to declare the pole trailer surplus and donate the trailer to Trenholm Community College, seconded by Tyler Barnes. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.

13. Member comments (Agenda Item #13)—There was an opportunity given for member comments and none were received.

14. There was an announcement made that the next regular Board Meeting would be August 23, 2021 at 6 o'clock pm in the Cooperative Auditorium.

15. Adjourn—There was a motion by Charlie Griffin, seconded by Tyler Barnes, to adjourn. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.