

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
December 15, 2023
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Friday, December 15, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne DeWitt and Mrs. Sheila Powell gave the invocation and we stood to honor the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Trustees were present:

H. Wayne DeWitt	Henry H. Chavis, Sr.	Robert "Bob" Jenkins
Willis Sanders	Denver Lee Clayton	Robert Vandross
Sam Gourdine	Sheila Powell	Connie Shuler

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Engineering and Operations Tim Mobley as well as General Counsel John B. Williams were in attendance.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the November board meeting which was held on November 28, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis seconded by Mrs. Shuler and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the November 28, 2023 board meeting, as presented.

Committee Reports

ECSC Report- Mr. Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated that the Board met on December 5th at the association's 2023 Winter Conference at the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N. C. Mr. Sanders spoke briefly on a few topics that were discussed. The Legislative Luncheon will be on February 8th and an agenda will be sent out in a couple of weeks. The legislators will not be in session during the time the Washington Rally is scheduled. The roof top reception will be moved to another location.

Central Meeting Report-Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt reviewed the board summary from Central's December board meeting. The Board took action to seat two new members: Matt Stanley (Laurens), Todd Carter (Black River). The Board then passed a resolution recognizing Mr. David Wasson for his dedication and commitment to the cooperatives over his many years of service.

CEEUS Meeting Report-Mr. Gourdine

Mr. Gourdine stated that the Board met on December 5th at the association's 2023 Winter Conference at the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N. C. Mr. Gourdine gave an update on CEEUS's expansion in the Mid-Atlantic with CFC's support.

Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from October 2023. Mr. Stevens reviewed portions of the statement of operations and the balance on Form 7.

Employee Retention Credit-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens stated that they have decided to pull back from filing for the Employee Retention Credit. The company we were looking into using has had some issues with fraud.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller presented Tim Mobley with the following retirement resolution.

WHEREAS, Timothy A. Mobley has given distinguished service to Berkeley Electric Cooperative during his tenure as a Vice President and valued employee from 1984 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mobley has exhibited exemplary leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication to Cooperative activities during his tenure of service as Summer Help in 1984; Engineering Co-op Student from 1985 to 1989; Engineer from 1989 to 1994; Communications and Controls Engineer from 1995 to 1998; Planning Engineer from 1998 to 1999; System Engineer/Manager of Engineering and Technical Services from 1999 to 2010; Vice President of Engineering and Operations from 2011 to 2023, and has contributed to the advancement of the Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, his many contributions have been of especial value in the development and enhancement of the Cooperative during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, as a Vice President, he has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to his colleagues and has given generously of his energy and talents to Berkeley Electric Cooperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Electric Cooperative President and CEO and Board of Trustees formally acknowledge and express profound appreciation, high commendation, and sincere best wishes to Vice President Timothy A. Mobley, for his nearly forty years of service to the membership of the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the minutes of the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and that a copy thereof be duly executed and transmitted to him.

ADOPTED BY THE BERKELEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

Executive Session

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mr. Clayton and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, seconded by Mr. Chavis and unanimously passed, the Board came out of Executive session.

The Board approved increasing Mr. Williams monthly fee in the amount of \$10,000 to cover General Counsel’s fees for routine services outlined in the attached signed agreement.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams then advised the Chairman that the election of officers for 2024 needed to be held. The election of officers and delegates for CEE-US, CENTRAL, STATEWIDE, NRECA, NRUCFC, NRTC, and SC TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION would be by secret ballot. The election was conducted by secret ballot and the results were as follows:

Chairman – H. Wayne DeWitt

Vice Chairman – Willis Sanders

Secretary/Treasurer – Connie Shuler

Cee-us/Line Equipment – Sam Gourdine

Central – Wayne DeWitt

Statewide – Willis Sanders

NRECA – Sheila Powell

NRUCFC – Sam Gourdine

NRTC – Robert Vandross

SC Trustee Assn. – Connie Shuler

Touchstone –Henry Chavis

Mr. Michael Fuller will serve as the alternate delegate for all statewide and national organizations for Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Gourdine and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby confirms the appointments listed above.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

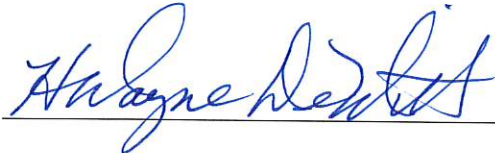
Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on.

New Business-

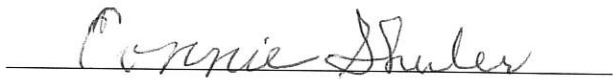
The Chairman then called for new business. There was none.

Old Business – None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn.



H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman



Connie Shuler, Secretary

