

**MINUTES  
TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 10, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Bobby Dodd (President)  
Donnie Waldrep (Vice President)  
Catherine Bethea (Secretary/Treasurer)  
George Webb  
Junior Smith  
Ann Herring  
Benny Bishop  
Johnny Edwards  
John Cruce

Dylan Rivers (General Counsel)

Tamara Ashley (Minute Taker)

**STAFF:** H. Julius Hackett, CEO  
John Tuten, Vice President of Operations  
Jeff Brewer, Vice Present of Engineering  
Eileen Herndon, Vice President of Corporate Services  
Wendell Williams, Vice President of Finance

**GUEST:** None

Mr. Junior Smith gave the invocation.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

On motion made and seconded:

**The Agenda for the April 10, 2023, Board Meeting was approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

On motion made and seconded:

**The Minutes of the March 13, 2023, Board Meeting were approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COOPERATIVE MEMBER CONCERNS**

None.

**REPORT ON MARCH 2023 SEMINOLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING**

A report was given by Trustees Bobby Dodd and Donnie Waldrep and CEO Julius Hackett on the March 2023 Seminole Electric Cooperative Board Meeting held at Tampa, Florida.

## **REPORT ON MARCH 2023 FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

A report was given by Trustees George Webb and Junior Smith and CEO Julius Hackett on the March 2023 board meeting of Florida Electric Cooperatives Association held at Tallahassee, Florida.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

A report on the Finance Committee meeting was given.

1. The cooperative's loans and line of credit loans with Natural Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) and CoBank were reviewed and discussed.
2. February 2023 Financial and Statistical Data (RUS Form 7) was reviewed and discussed.
3. The cooperative's Fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband project costs year-to-date were reviewed and discussed.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

A report on the Policy Committee meeting was given.

### **BUILDING AND LAND COMMITTEE REPORT**

A report on the Building and Land Committee meeting was given.

### **CEO REPORT**

CEO Julius Hackett provided an update on SB 626HB 1221 regarding pole attachments.

The board was provided with an update on the progress of the cooperative's fiber-to-the-home broadband project.

On motion made and seconded:

**Approval of Tri-County Electric Cooperative Inc.'s membership to the NRECA Broadband Cooperative Membership.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On motion made and seconded:

**a. approval of April 2023 WPCA Resolution \$0.01400/kWh as recommended by the Finance Committee**

**b. approval of RUS Form 7 for February 2023 as recommended by the Finance Committee**

**c. approval of list of new members from February 20, 2023 – March 19, 2023, as recommended by the Building and Land Committee**

**c. Acknowledge and acceptance of February 2023 Work and Accident Reports and System Outage Reports as recommended by the Building and Land Committee**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

The attorney had no legal matters to discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M., April 10, 2023.

Bobby Dodd  
President

George Webb  
Secretary