

**MINUTES
TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 14, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.
HEADQUARTES BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Gary Fulford (President)
Albert Thomas, Jr., (Vice President)
Catherine Bethea (Secretary/Treasurer)
Johnny Edwards
Elmer Coker
Junior Smith
George Webb
Bobby Dodd
Donnie Waldrep

Dylan Rivers (General Counsel)

Eileen Herndon (Minute Taker)

STAFF: H. Julius Hackett, CEO
Stephanie Carroll, Manager of Corporate Services
Jeff Brewer, Manager of Engineering
Darrell Tuten, Manager of Operations
Wendell Williams, Manager of Finance

GUESTS: Pat Coker
Buddy Bethea

Mr. Gary Fulford presided. Mr. Junior Smith gave the invocation.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

On motion made and seconded:

The Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Board Meeting are approved.

MOTION CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL

On motion made and seconded:

The Agenda for the May 14, 2018 Board Meeting was approved.

MOTION CARRIED

COOPERATIVE MEMBER CONCERNS

None.

NRECA NEW DIRECTOR ORIENTATION CONFERENCE REPORT

A report was given on the April 2018 NRECA New Director Orientation Conference held at Arlington, VA by Mr. Donnie Waldrep.

SEMINOLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING REPORT

A report was given on the May 2018 Seminole Electric Cooperative board meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. March 2018 Financial and Statistical Data [RUS Form 7] was reviewed.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Trustees were asked to review and study proposed revised Policy No. 509 "Non-Smoking Areas and Facilities of Tri-County Electric Cooperative" and proposed revised Policy No. "516" Education Assistance Program" for possible action at the June 2018 board meeting.
2. A list of community related events cooperative employees participated in during April 2018 were reviewed.

BUILDING AND LAND COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The completion of two building projects at the Madison headquarters office building were discussed.

CEO REPORT

1. The annual update to the Employee Wage and Salary Plan was presented.

On motion made and seconded:

Approval of the Employee Wage and Salary Plan annual update to become effective June 1, 2108.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Three-year price proposal for vegetation management services was presented.

On motion made and seconded:

Approval of staff's recommendation to extend the current contract with Edko, LLC for vegetation management services for an additional three-year period at the price per line mile quoted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. A member complaint against the cooperative concerning an outdoor directional light on member's property and steps taken by cooperative to resolve member's complaints were reviewed and discussed.

4. Educational Scholarships in the amount of \$13,000 awarded to graduating seniors from high school in Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties with plans to attend college in the fall were reviewed and discussed.

5. The board was provided information on the status of the ongoing territorial agreement discussions with Duke Energy.

6. Preparations being taken by cooperative staff in advance of the 2018 hurricane season were discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On motion made and seconded:

- a. approval of May 2018 WPCA Resolution -\$0.01100/kWh as recommended by the Finance Committee**
- b. approval of RUS Form 7 for March 2018 as recommended by the Finance Committee**
- c. approval of list of new members for March 19, 2018 – April 23, 2018 as recommended by the Building and Land Committee**
- d. Acknowledge and acceptance of March 2018 Work and Accident Reports and System Outage Reports as recommended by the Building and Land Committee**

MOTION CARRIED

ATTORNEY REPORT

No updates to legal matters were discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

President

Secretary