

# **Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

## **Board of Trustees Minutes**

**July 27, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., met in regular session on Thursday, July 27, 2017. Chairman Paul Fleeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., in the Cooperative's meeting room at 440 Highland Ridge Rd., Marietta, Ohio. Trustees answering the roll call were Paul Fleeman, William Bowersock, Gale DePuy, Betty Martin, Eldon Miller, Shawn Ray and Larry Ullman. General Manager/CEO Jack Bragg, Jr., Jennifer Greene, Allen Casto and Dean McMahan were also present.

DePuy moved to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2017, WEC board meeting. Bowersock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eldon Miller moved to accept the reports of capital credit estate retirements, new members of the Cooperative and the June 2017 safety report as presented by Bragg. Ullman seconded the motion; motion passed.

Martin moved to accept the unaudited May 2017 financial report as presented by Director of Finance and Administration Dean McMahan. Eldon Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

McMahan reviewed and discussed the write off of \$21,261.88 in bad debt through the second half of 2016. After a brief discussion and review of the write offs, Martin moved to accept the write offs as presented, the motion was seconded by Bowersock, and the motion passed.

Jennifer Greene, director of marketing and member Services detailed the communication plan related to the rate adjustment approve at the June 29, 2017 meeting and led a discussion of the process of providing for the execution of the plan and presentation to the membership.

Bragg led a discussion of the potential to defer the effective date of the implementation of the rate adjustment from September 1, 2017 to October 1, 2017 in order to more thoroughly communicate to the membership and to apply after the historically higher consumption of the summer months. Depuy moved to defer the implementation until October 1, the motion was seconded by Ullman, motion passed.

Upon a motion by Martin and seconded by DePuy, Fleeman was designated as the voting delegate to the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives annual meeting to be held in Columbus on August 14-15 with Martin designated as the alternate. The motion passed.

Bragg reported on the following meetings and topics:

- Update on the Waterford Facility indicating a meeting is to be scheduled in the near future for both parties to discuss the usage and position of Lightstone .
- OREC Annual Meeting will be held on August 14-15 in Columbus.
- Attendance at the COLT Indoor training on July 10.
- NRECA District Meeting Pittsburgh September 6-8.
- Discussion of spray program with South Central Power via conference call with line superintendent Bruce Swope, Jack Bragg and the South Central personnel.
- Discussion of Georgia court case regarding capital credits decision.
- Discussion of acquisition of 34.5 KV transformer for the Sarahville substation.

In other reports, Swope discussed the recent outages related to storms particularly in the eastern service territory with the major events being July 7-9 and July 21-23. He also discussed the right of way spray program, the number of dead ash trees that have been cut and the potential cost of removing them with the large number that are dead close to our right of way. Casto gave an update on technology and metering including the outage management system operation. Greene provided an update on various member services projects including the SmartHub implementation, social media interaction with membership, and the conversion to NISC as a bill print vendor.

The next WEC Board Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, August 24, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m.

DePuy moved to adjourn. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjournment was at 11:44 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary