

# **Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

## **Board of Trustees Minutes**

**October 26, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., met in regular session on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Chairman Paul Fleeman called the meeting to order at 9:04 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, Shawn Ray and Larry Ullman. General Manager/CEO Jack Bragg, Jr., Jennifer Greene, Allen Casto, Dean McMahan, and attorney Dan Fouss were also in attendance.

At 9:05 a.m. on the motion of DePuy and seconded by Ullman, the Board entered Executive Session for discussion. At 9:22 the Board exited Executive Session on the motion of Ullman and a second by Ray.

During the Executive Session, an anonymous written ballot was cast for the top three candidates from the ten individuals (Jedd Butler, Peggy Byers, Myles Danver, Chris King, Allen Miller, Jody Polen, Eric Pottmeyer, Leroy Schroeder, Brent Smith, and Don Ullmann) who participated in the process to fulfill the unserved board term that resulted from the retirement and relocation from the system of Eldon Miller. Scott Ward who originally submitted the candidate eligibility form ultimately decided to remove his name from consideration by notifying the Cooperative by telephone on October 17. These ballots were collected and tabulated by Dan Fouss and will be retained in his Cooperative files. As a result of this ballot, another anonymous written ballot comprised of the three top candidates (Allen Miller, Eric Pottmeyer, and Brent Smith) was cast, collected and tabulated by Dan Fouss also to be retained in his Cooperative files. This was the culmination of an extensive process in which all interested parties submitted a detailed eligibility information form and had the opportunity to present themselves on October 17, 2017 to the Board in brief interviews. Brent Smith of Noble County was selected by the Board to finish out the unexpired term. At the conclusion of this portion of the meeting Dan Fouss exited the meeting.

Martin moved to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2017, WEC board meeting. Bowersock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray moved to accept the reports of capital credit estate retirements, new members of the Cooperative and the September 2017 safety report as presented by Bragg. DePuy seconded the motion; motion passed.

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

McMahan also discussed the Buckeye Power capital credit allocation and retirement as well as the NRECA plan changes for 2018 that are on average in the 2% level of increase.

Bragg reported on the following meetings and topics:

- A meeting with Jason Hamman the of the Monroe County Economic Development office to discuss opportunities for WECl to assist in any way to spur economic development in the area.
- The Buckeye board meeting held on October 9.
- Review of the public meetings held on October 11 at Marietta high School and October 12 at Frontier High School to discuss the AEP transmission upgrade.
- Update on the continuing Lightstone/Waterford issues and discussions.
- Attendance at the Safety Council meeting sponsored by MACC on October 18.
- Attendance at the Ohio Electric Cooperative’s accounting group meeting to participate in discussions in regard to cybersecurity, Buckeye billing, and various issues.

In other reports, Martin discussed the topics covered at the Ohio Electric Cooperatives board meeting held on October 9. Bragg discussed the right of way maintenance program including the conclusion of the spray program on the Fly circuit. Also discussed was the cutting project on the 1400 circuit of South Olive substation with Asplundh to complete 25 miles and the activities of the time and material crews who have been performing trim work throughout the year. Casto gave a brief update on the Aclara metering system and a preview of a coming IT update. Greene provided an update on various member services projects including the progress of SmartHub, the capital credit allocation and the upcoming capital credit retirement.

The next WEC Board Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, November 30, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m.

DePuy moved to adjourn. Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjournment was at 11:03 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary