

REGULAR MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

March 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held via conference call on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. The following trustees participated on the conference call meeting:

Mitchell D. Rabon	John E. Roberts	Timothy L. Hopkins
Robert K. Miles	Allen L. Beer	Joseph E. Sharpe
Donald K. Lewis	Robert Entzminger	Peggy B. Jeffcoat
William C. Good	Cynthia Able	

Attorney Ken DuBose also participated in the conference call.

President Mitch Rabon called the meeting to order and Robert Entzminger gave the invocation.

Upon motion made by Keith Lewis, seconded by John Roberts, motion carried, the minutes of the meetings held on February 24 and March 11, 2020, were approved as presented.

Upon motion made by Cynthia Able, seconded by Kenny Miles, motion carried, the 225 new consumers for the month of February were accepted as members of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Vicky Melvin, Controller, presented and discussed the financial and statistical reports for the month of February reporting mild weather has effected power usage, power costs, and revenue.

Bruce Bacon, Chief Executive Officer, reported board members for Fairfield Electric Trust Corporation for Operation Round Up will need to be appointed at the April meeting. Paul Dove and John Hancock are eligible for a second term. Bill Schott and Louise Entzminger are not eligible to serve another term. The next round up board meeting will be held on April 20th and if needed will be held by conference call due to the continuing spread of COVID-19.

Bruce Bacon reported seven new security systems were sold, installed, and forty two service calls were completed in the last month.

Bruce Bacon reported operational changes have been implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed the Infectious Disease Crisis Plan which had been previously provided to board members. With the safety, health, and well-being of our members, employees, and all those in our community as the top priority, the Member Advisory meeting and the 2020 Annual Meeting were postponed upon motion made by John Roberts, seconded by Tim Hopkins, motion carried. Following public health recommendations each month, rescheduling the annual meeting will be considered and discussed at each board meeting.

Bruce Bacon reported the following high school juniors have been selected as the 2020 Washington Youth Tour and Cooperative Youth Summit representatives:

Washington Youth Tour Participants

Gavin Douglas - Richard Winn Academy
Jason Huse - Blythewood High School
Angela Fang - Lugoff-Elgin High School
Abigail Hutson-Smith - Fairfield Central High School

Cooperative Youth Summit Participants

Berry Bonds - Richard Winn Academy
Joshua Mosley - Fairfield Central High School
Kadrian Porter - Blythewood High School

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Bruce Bacon reminded board members the April 20 board meeting time had been changed to 10:00 a.m. to avoid conflicting with another trustee meeting. After discussion a board consensus was reached to leave it at 10:00 a.m. and if needed it will be held by conference call due the continuing spread of COVID-19.

Bruce Bacon reported the Winnsboro Office needs a roof replacement over the main office building and advised bids are currently being secured for this work.

Bruce Bacon provided an update on Central's final settlement of the Cook Case with Central's board voting 16 in favor, 3 no, and 1 abstained.

The annual meeting ballot question for proposed Bylaw amendments and for providing 9 Single-Member Districts & 2 Members Elected At Large was presented for reconsideration as two separate questions. After discussion and upon motion made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Keith Lewis, motion carried, this was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion and consideration at that time.

A list of delinquent accounts totaling \$5,455.76 for the month of February 2020 was presented for consideration for write off as uncollectible. Upon motion made by Allen Beer, seconded by Kenny Miles, motion carried, authorization was granted to write these off against the cooperative's reserve for uncollectible accounts.

A list of deceased patron's estates requesting payment of their capital credits was presented for consideration. After discussion and upon motion made by Cynthia Able, seconded by John Roberts, motion carried, the following resolution was adopted:

The estates of 36 deceased members have requested the Board of Directors give consideration to approving the retirement of \$21,655.65 as an administrative convenience to the estates. After reviewing the Cooperative's financial statements and determining such retirement will not adversely impact the Cooperative's financial condition, Management recommends capital credits totaling \$21,655.65 be approved for payment. In addition, it should be noted that such approval does not obligate this Board or any future Board to retire the capital credits of the estates of deceased members presented at any future date.

President Rabon reported the staff recommends giving away a 2013 Chevrolet 1500 truck as the "Grand Prize" at annual meeting. Upon motion made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Joe Sharpe, motion carried, this was tabled for reconsideration when rescheduling annual meeting is being planned.

The following rate schedules having been previously provided to board members were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Bacon reported no established charges nor fees were changing but better clarified language was being proposed. Upon motion made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Keith Lewis, motion carried, this was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion and consideration at that time. Vicky Melvin was requested to address Rate WPCA and provide comparisons for the winter and summer demand charges on the residential rate based on usages of 1,000 and 2,000 kWh.

- (a) Large Power Service
- (b) Large Power – High Load Factor Service
- (c) Outdoor Lighting
- (d) Pre-Pay Service
- (e) Residential Service
- (f) Small Commercial Service
- (g) Residential Solar Service
- (h) Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause – Rate WPCA

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The following members were appointed to the Member Advisory Committee for 2020 upon motion made by John Roberts, seconded by Cynthia Able, motion carried: June Blume, Bill & Bonnie Weathersbee, Randy Frick, Billy & Melissa Purvis, Ed & Gerri Cooper, Tim & Mary Beth McSwain, Napoleon Moore, Derrick Stanley, Ruby Carter, Katherine Dixon, Willie & Pat Belton, Norman & Iola Nelson, George & Willie Mae Harris, Floyd & Sheila Bracey, Stanley & Cathy Washington, Lloyd Qualls, Lonnie Campbell & Wanda Carnes, Tommy & Kathy Raines, Carol C. Turner, Keith McDonald, Tom & Rachel Harper, John & Rosetta Trapp, Carl & Mary Payne, J.C. & Patricia Trapp, Irene Mattox, Hennies & Becky Pope, Heyward & Dee Mattox, William Coleman, Dr. & Mrs. Harmon Patrick, Kenny & Sha Mullis, David & Jean Ann Suggs, Neysa Rimer, Mrs. Mittie McLean, Ed Jones, Bill & Dixie Schott, Joseph & Kristin Connell, Thomas & Patricia Nelson, Anthony Reynolds, Joe & Anne Melanson, Pansy Bell, Eukie & Pamela Bozard, Derial Ogburn, Francis Jane Wright, Thomas & Robin Beam, James & Linda Jackson, Joseph & Lori James, Steve & Gail Rogers, Wilbure & Eleanor Savage.

The ECSC Summer Conference scheduled to be held May 31 – June 3 was discussed. Upon motion made by Joe Sharpe, seconded by Allen Beer, motion carried, the following were authorized to attend: Mitch Rabon, John Roberts, Tim Hopkins, Kenny Miles, Joe Sharpe, Robert Entzminger, Keith Lewis, and Cynthia Able.

John Roberts presented the Trustee Association report and advised the upcoming Spring Trustee Association meeting will most likely be cancelled due to the spread of COVID-19.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion made by John Roberts, seconded by Kenny Miles, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Signed: _____
Peggy B. Jeffcoat, Secretary
APPROVED

ATTEST: _____
Mitchell D. Rabon, President