

## REGULAR MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

June 26, 2023

A regular meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. at the cooperative headquarters in Blythewood, South Carolina. The following board members were present:

Cynthia Able	Robert Entzminger	Michael Good
Bruce E. Honeycutt	Timothy L. Hopkins	Donald Keith Lewis
Robert K. Miles	Derial L. Ogburn	Mitchell D. Rabon
John E. Roberts, III	Peggy D. Swearingen	

Attorney John DuBose was present.

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

Upon motion made by Bruce Honeycutt, seconded by Robert Entzminger, motion carried, the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2023 was approved as presented.

Upon motion made by Bruce Honeycutt, seconded by Robert Entzminger, motion carried, the minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2023 was approved as presented.

Upon motion made by Cynthia Able, seconded by Robert Entzminger, motion carried, 563 new consumers for the months of April and May were accepted as members of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A list of delinquent accounts totaling \$3,802.71 for the months of April and May was presented for consideration for write off as uncollectible. Upon motion made by Donald Keith Lewis, seconded by Derial L. Ogburn, 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 Timothy L. Hopkins, seconded by Robert Entzminger, motion carried, the following resolution was adopted:

The estates of 29 deceased members have requested the Board of Directors give consideration to approving the retirement of \$18,355.43 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 \$18,355.43 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.

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Bruce Bacon, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed and discussed:

- the monthly financial reports for the months of April and May
- Operation Round Up meeting of June 19, 2023
- security system sales and service activity
- 2023-2024 Affirmative Action Program for
  - Minorities and Females
  - Individuals with Disabilities; and
  - Protected Veterans
- Close of offices for July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day and emergency stand by crews will be on call to respond if needed.
- Acre/Echo campaigns
- Founders Day celebration at both offices was well received
- Strategic Plan meeting coming up in September
- Update on Scout Motors

Bruce Bacon reported that after the Board Meeting on September 25, 2023, there will be a meeting for strategic planning and the meeting will continue through Tuesday, September 26, 2023, for half a day. The strategic planning meeting will take place in the downstairs meeting room. Upon motion made by Donald Keith Lewis, seconded by Michael Good, motion carried, the meeting on September 26, 2023 for strategic planning was approved.

Mitch Rabon discussed the upcoming 2023 Regions 2 & 3 Meeting in Louisville, KY on October 11-13, 2023. Upon motion made by Donald Keith Lewis, seconded by Cynthia Able, motion carried, and Trustees, Robert Entzminger, Peggy Swearingen and Derial Ogburn were approved to attend with their guests.

Keith Lewis gave an update on the new Winnsboro Office building. Mr. Lewis reported that the building is pretty much complete. Mr. Lewis reported that the minor things in the inside of the building will be finalized. Mr. Lewis requested that the Committee be dissolved, and this item be removed from future agendas.

Mitch Rabon gave an update on Central Electric Power Cooperative. Bruce Bacon reported that the lawsuit between Marlboro Electric and Central Electric has been resolved. A condition of the settlement was that the parties will not publicize or disseminate the terms of the agreement.

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Derial Ogburn gave an update on the Electric Cooperatives of SC. Mr. Ogburn reported that he continues to have conversations with ECSC regarding the training center. Mr. Ogburn reported that the current training center needs to be replaced. Mr. Ogburn reported that ECSC is looking at two (2) sites – Newberry, South Carolina and St. Matthews, South Carolina. Mr. Ogburn reported that ECSC is looking into how the training center will be financed.

Robert Entzminger gave an update on CEEUS. Mr. Entzminger reported that there was little to report. Mr. Entzminger reported that there are still discussions about working on the expansion of the distribution warehouse and that CEEUS is looking to expand in Delaware, Maryland, or Virginia.

John Roberts gave an update on the Trustee Association’s activities. Mr. Roberts reported that the new president for the Trustee Association, Ida Dixon, has reported that the membership fees will be increased to \$1,000.00 from \$500.00.

Old Business: None

New Business: Michael Good reported that as part of the strategic plan, a meeting as to electric vehicles should be discussed. Mr. Good suggested that we receive input from FEC employees and input from members. Mr. Good reported that a charging station has been built at a PILOT gas station and that charging stations are being built at hotels as well.

Upon motion made by Derial L. Ogburn, seconded by Robert Entzminger, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert K. Miles, Secretary  
APPROVED

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mitchell D. Rabon, President