




Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**YORK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**November 22, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Carolyn Boyd, Jack Cornwell, Scott Good, Will Mitchell, Richard Roach, Richard Sadler, Tom Settlemyre, and Tommie Bratton

**Others Present:** Paul Basha, John Tiencken, and Carol Newman. Wendy Catledge, Marc Howie, Phil Leake, Tracy McBride, Patty Moss, and Jim Salmon were present for a portion of the meeting.

The Board of Trustees of the York Electric Cooperative, Inc., met at the office of the Cooperative on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 12 noon for lunch, with the Board meeting convening immediately afterward. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Settlemyre. The invocation was given by Rick Sadler. A quorum was present; therefore, it was in order to transact any necessary business of the Cooperative.

Wendy Catledge discussed options for re-opening the lobbies. The Board approved to serve the members through the drive-thru at both locations, keeping the lobbies closed and continuing to utilize the call center and online services; however, signage will be placed notifying members to call for an appointment if needed. A remote access door entry system will be installed at both locations to allow employees to safely see by appointment members in each lobby.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the items on the consent agenda as listed below were approved as written and presented:

**Approval of Minutes of:**

**October 25, 2022, Board Meeting**

**Financial Report**

**Safety/Loss Control Report**

**Review and Approval of New and Refunded Memberships for November**

**New – 472          Refunded – 379**

Mr. Basha provided the testing scenario to the Disaster Recovery Plan for the year 2022. This is an annual review, and the Board accepted as submitted.

Mr. Basha provided the 2022 third quarter Strategic Plan update. The Board accepted as information.

Mr. Basha reviewed the 2023 Strategic Plan. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the 2023 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Basha reviewed the 2023 Budget for the Board's approval. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the 2023 Budget.

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**Mr. Basha presented a fiber update and discussed the phases until completion.**

**Mr. Tiencken offered brief comments regarding Santee Cooper and Central.**

**The upcoming meetings were discussed.**

**Mr. Basha reviewed the appointment of the C & E Committee. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the seven committee members and two alternates.**

**The following Operation Round Up Trust Board members will continue service in 2023. Dianne Howell was re-appointed for District 2, Wendy Clinton was re-appointed for District 3, and Nancy Lowery was re-appointed for District 3. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved these Trust Board Members.**

**The Board is in the process of reviewing all Corporate policies. Policies reviewed were: Policy 128 – Conservation of Energy, Policy #402 – Cooperative Board Room, Policy #49 Selection and Approval of Depositories, and Policy #1002. No changes were recommended.**

**The Trustee Association Board retreat is scheduled for May 1-3, 2023, in Charleston.**

**Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board moved to enter into executive session to provide an economic development update.**

**Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board moved to return to general session. No action was taken by the Board.**

**The CEO's Report included the following:**

- 1) Mr. Basha discussed Co-Op 101 scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- 2) Mr. Basha discussed Veteran's Day, Duke rate increase, increasing housing prices, and an employee charitable contribution.**
- 3) An Operation Round Up report from 11/21/22 was provided.**
- 4) Save the date for the Burrell Foundation Auction scheduled for February 25, 2023, at McBryde Hall.**

**There being no further business, upon motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Carolyn Boyd**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**