

YORK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY

January 28, 2020

Board Members Present: Carolyn Boyd, Tommie Bratton, Marion Comer, Jack Cornwell, Will Mitchell, Paul Poston, Richard Roach, Richard Sadler, Tom Settlemyre

Others Present: Paul Basha, Bethany Hardin, and John Tiencken. Bobby Smith, Denny Lynn, Craig Spencer, Jim Salmon, Wendy Catledge, Tracy McBride, Patty Moss and Ben Hall were there for a portion of the meeting.

The Board of Trustees of the York Electric Cooperative met at the office of the Cooperative on Tuesday afternoon, January 28, 2020, at 12:00 for lunch.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Cornwell. Richard Roach gave the invocation. A quorum was present; therefore, it was in order to transact any necessary business of the Cooperative.

Ben Hall, Warehouse Coordinator, was recognized and commended for his excellent service and dedication to the cooperative.

Bobby Smith, CEO at New Horizon Electric Cooperative, was present to provide an update on their history, mission, services and strategic goals.

Tracy McBride, Vice President of Finance, provided an in-depth presentation on the cooperative's cash flow management. Recommendations on decisions points for 2020 and the future were outlined, to include paying off higher interest debt and several investment vehicles. The Board approved the recommendations.

The items on the consent agenda as listed below were approved as presented:

- **November 2019 Financial Report;**
- **Unaudited December 2019 Financial Report;**
- **December 14, 2019, Board meeting minutes and summary;**
- **Safety/Loss Control Report;**
- **Review and approval of new and refunded memberships:
December – new 530, refunded 424**

Upcoming meetings were discussed.

Mr. Basha reviewed the grand prize and registration gift for the 2020 Annual Meeting. power bill credit and grand prize truck give-away.

Mr. Basha reported on all petitions obtained and returned for the expiring Board seats in Districts 1, 2 and 5. Mr. William J. (Billy) Hagner, District 5, completed a member request for information that was reviewed by Mr. Basha, the cooperative's attorney and the Chairman. All information requested was provided with the exception of personal information of members that attended the 2019 Annual Meeting. The identical information was also provided to incumbent Trustee, Carolyn Boyd. There was an in-depth discussion regarding the selection of the Credentials and Election Committee members and the method of voting under the truck shed and at the drive thru. As per Section 3.06 Credentials and Election Committee of the Bylaws, no Trustees who are candidates for election participated in appointing the committee.

Mr. Basha provided the updates to the Disaster Recovery Plan for the year 2019. The Board approved the updates.

The Board approved new Policy #45 – Line and Facilities Relocation.

ACRE and ECHO dues were collected from Trustees.

The Board approved the transfer of \$134,881.62 from accounts receivable to bad debts for the calendar year 2019.

John Tiencken offered brief comments regarding Central Electric and Santee Cooper.

Mr. Basha advised that it was in order to open an account at Wells Fargo Bank for the purpose of supporting the treasury functions at York Electric Cooperative. The Board approved opening this account.

Mr. Basha advised that the cooperative is reviewing three options in the area of offering broadband in the unserved and underserved areas of our territory. Each affiliation is working to provide a study and recommendations. More information will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

There was an in-depth discussion regarding a future plan to convert from nine districts to three districts to further balance member representation on the Board. The Board approved moving forward with the timeline presented and for Mr. Basha to continue research on an implementation plan to include presentation of the plan to the membership at the 2021 Annual Meeting. The changes will include Section 4.05 of the Bylaws.

There was nothing to report from the Trustee Association currently.

The CEO's Report included the following:

- 1) Items in the electronic Board booklet included: What's ahead dates snapshot, a Member Services Department traffic report, the key accounts capital credit list, a net metering slide, Act 95 Guidelines, property tax analysis and the Engineering Department Monthly Report**
- 2) The 2019 1099's, an updated Statewide Directory, and a commendation letter from a member were at each seat. The CEE-US audit was made available for review if desired.**
- 3) Mr. Basha advised that it is in order to amend a contract.**
- 4) An economic development update was given.**
- 5) A report by York Electric Cooperative's DOT consultant was shared that was very complimentary of our Operations Department personnel.**
- 6) Mr. Basha reported that a letter or email was sent to all residents in the River Hills area to inform them of the overhead to underground conversion.**

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