

YORK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 2020

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

Others Present: Paul Basha, Bethany Hardin, Carol Newman, and John Tiencken.

The Board of Trustees of the York Electric Cooperative, Inc., met at the office of the Cooperative on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 12:00 for lunch, with the Board meeting convening immediately afterward. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Settlemyre. The invocation was given by Jack Cornwell. A quorum was present; therefore, it was in order to transact any necessary business of the Cooperative.

The Board approved the items on the consent agenda as listed below:

Approval of Minutes of:

October 27, 2020 Board Meeting

October Financial Report

October Safety/Loss Control Report

Review and Approval of New and Refunded Memberships:

October – New 652; Refunded – 487

Mr. Basha reviewed and discussed the third quarter 2020 Strategic Plan update. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the update.

Mr. Basha reviewed the 2021 Strategic Plan. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the 2021 Strategic Plan.

The proposed 2021 Budget was presented by Mr. Basha. Mr. Basha reviewed the budget in detail. After several questions were addressed, upon motion made and duly seconded, the 2021 Budget was approved as presented.

Mr. Basha presented a proposed Vacation Policy 209 revision. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the policy change.

Mr. Tiencken reviewed an LLC for Economic Development. This would provide for better protection of cooperative assets. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the formation of an LLC.

Mr. Basha proposed a Rate 6 revision that would increase the voluntary rate available to 100 members instead of 20. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the Rate 6 revision.

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Mr. Basha reviewed the 2 Man Bucket Crew Bid Evaluation. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved awarding the contract to Pike Electric who was the least cost bidder.

Mr. John Tiencken updated the Board on Central and Santee Cooper matters.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board moved to enter into executive session to discussion Rural Broadband.

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

There was a review and discussion regarding several upcoming meetings.

Mr. Basha gave an Annual Meeting Update. There was a discussion regarding the 2021 Annual Meeting changes and the need to select members for a Credentials and Election Committee. Board members seeking re-election will recuse themselves from appointing members to this committee.

The following Operation Round Up Trust Board Members will begin or continue service in May 2021. Gwen Thompson was newly appointed for District 7, Chauntel Ingalls was re-appointed for District 4 and Gary Farris was re-appointed for District 6. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved these Trust Board Members.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board approved the Bylaw review for Article IV Meeting of Members.

Mr. Tommie Bratton gave a Trustee Association report. He attended a Virtual Trustee Association Meeting on November 4th.

The CEO's Report included the following:

- 1) Mr. Basha reported that staff visited 9 different big apartment complexes to introduce them to the Advance Pay initiative.**
- 2) Mr. Basha notified the Board that several members consistently connect/disconnect security lights.**
- 3) Mr. Basha gave a Capital Credit Move Away update.**
- 4) Mr. Basha gave a virus update.**

- 5) **Mr. Basha gave a Member Services update.**
- 6) **Mr. Basha gave copies of the proposed language regarding redistricting and terms of service for Bylaws Article IV for review. These changes will be voted on in January.**
- 7) **Mr. Basha read some good comments from the members.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Carolyn Boyd
Secretary/Treasurer**