

CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 31, 2021

- ❖ **Call to Order** – Mr. Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ **Invocation** – Mr. Brown offered an invocation on behalf of the group.
- ❖ **Pledge** – Mr. Elkins led the group in the pledge of allegiance.
- ❖ **Attendance**
 - Hez Elkins, President
 - Phillip Fincher, Vice President
 - Rand Killgore
 - Lane Davidson
 - Scott Jones – via phone
 - Leroy Perritt – via phone
 - Butch Sensley
 - Benjamin Abshire
 - Others in attendance
 - Mark Brown, CEO
 - Kathy Tanner, CFO
 - Paul E. Kitchens, Corporate Counsel
 - Lisa Ledbetter, Administrative Assistant
- ❖ **Request for Items to be Added to the Agenda** – None
- ❖ **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Elkins entertained a motion by Mr. Killgore duly seconded by Dr. Fincher to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Approve July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Approve Expense Reports
 - Accept New Members
 - Approve Capital Credits
 - Approve Monthly Loss Control & Safety Report
 - Approve Homer & Farmerville Operations Report
- ❖ **Attorney Report** – Mr. Kitchens requested that the board enter into executive session to discuss his report on the legal matters currently facing the Cooperative. Upon motion by Dr. Fincher duly seconded by Mr. Abshire, the board entered into executive session to discuss the legal matters facing the Cooperative. Upon motion by Mr. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Sensley, the board rose from executive session for the purpose of discussing the legal matters facing the Cooperative.

Mr. Kitchens' report was then approved on a motion made by Mr. Sensley and seconded by Mr. Abshire.

- ❖ **ALEC Report** – Mr. Davidson made a brief report on the ALEC meeting held via conference call. Mr. Davidson’s report was then approved on a motion made by Mr. Killgore and seconded by Mr. Abshire.
- ❖ **1803 Power Supply Cooperative** – Dr. Fincher gave a brief 1803 Power Supply Cooperative report. Dr. Fincher’s report was approved on a motion by Mr. Abshire and duly seconded by Mr. Killgore.
- ❖ **Board Search Committee Report** – Dr. Fincher gave a brief report on the search for a candidate to fill the seat recently vacated by Mr. Richard Noles. Dr. Fincher reported interviews of candidates will be held on October 5th beginning at 6pm.
- ❖ **Financial Report** – Ms. Tanner made the monthly financial report.
 - July 2021 Financial Report – This report was approved on a motion made by Dr. Fincher and seconded by Mr. Abshire.
 - Write-offs – The write-off report was approved on a motion made by Mr. Killgore and seconded by Mr. Sensley.
- ❖ **CEO’s Report** – Mr. Brown called attention to his written report presented to the Directors and invited any questions.
 - Hurricane Ida Preparation
 - Annual Medical Insurance Renewal and R&S Plan Update – After a brief discussion, Dr. Fincher made a motion duly seconded by Mr. Killgore to remain with NRECA for the CEC insurance renewal.
 - Louisiana Legends Fest – Mr. Brown requested a one-time exception to the meeting room usage agreement to allow for alcohol to be served at the Legends Fest Donor Dinner in October. Upon motion by Dr. Fincher duly seconded by Mr. Killgore, the one-time exception was granted.

Upon motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Abshire, the CEO report was unanimously approved.

- ❖ **Approve Meeting Expenses** – Mr. Elkins then accepted a motion made by Mr. Sensley and seconded by Mr. Abshire to approve the expenses associated with this meeting. The motion carried.
- ❖ **Confirm Next Meeting Date** – Mr. Elkins confirmed the date of our next Board meeting.
September 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm in Homer
- ❖ **Adjourn** – The meeting was then adjourned upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Perritt.

The minutes above were approved by the board of directors during its regularly scheduled meeting held on September 28, 2021.

Hez Elkins, President

Phillip Fincher, Vice President/Acting
Secretary -Treasurer