

Minutes  
Meeting of Trustees of the Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm  
Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc. Auditorium

1. Roll Call—Trustees Present: Janet Bright-District 1; Jordan Stewart-District 2, Dianne Prestridge-District 3, Bill Stricklend-District 4; Tyler Barnes-District 5; Nathan Clark-District 7; Charles W Whisenant-District 8; and Ty Smith-District 9. Jeff Warren-District 6 was absent. Also present were Stacey White-General Manager; Clint Maze-Board Attorney, Cooperative Employees, and other members of the public.
2. Invocation (Agenda Item #2)—Clint Maze
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda Item #3)—Bill Stricklend
4. Approval of the Agenda (Agenda Item #4)—Prior to the approval of the agenda, the President called for an amendment to consider a contract extension and pay increase for the General Manager. Bill Stricklend made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Jordan Stewart. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Jordan Stewart then made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Dianne Prestridge. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.
5. Approval of the Minutes (Agenda Items #5)—There was a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Trustees made by Tyler Barnes, seconded by Nathan Clark. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2022 Special Meeting of the Trustees made by Bill Stricklend, seconded by Tyler Barnes. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.
6. Management Update (Agenda Item #6)— The General Manager presented the Three-Month Cash/Investment Accounts Balances Report, the Monthly Report to TVA, the Monthly Operational Budget Report and the Monthly Collection and Meter Department Report for October 2022. The reports were emailed out to the Board prior to the meeting and are made a part of the minutes. The net income for November 2022 was (\$161,203.76) and December 2022 was (\$439,081.01).

The General Manager reported that the mapping system is progressing on schedule and nearing completion. The outage management system is very close to full implementation. The remaining AMI meters have been delayed once again and the delivery date has been updated to March, 2023. Finally, the Community Care Grant from TVA has been received by the Cooperative.

7. Personnel Committee<sup>1</sup> Update (Agenda Item #7)—The Personnel Committee had no report.

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<sup>1</sup> The Personnel Committee is comprised of Tyler Barnes—Chairman, Janet Bright, Dianne Prestridge, and Jeff Warren. The General Manager—*Ex Officio*, Kellie Garrett, Wayne Mahathey and Mike King are employee representatives on the Personnel Committee.

8. Finance Committee<sup>2</sup> Update (Agenda Item #8)—The Finance Committee had no report.
9. Right of Way Committee<sup>3</sup> Update (Agenda Item #9)—The Right of Way Committee had no report.
10. Old Business (Agenda Item #10)—Mrs. White informed the Board that 150 landowners received letters from TVA with three proposed Tap Points and multiple routes for the 161kV line to supply the Sundown Substation upgrade. TVA has presented a virtual open house and will be taking public comments through February 27, 2023.
11. Discussion Item: Commercial and Industrial Customer “Lunch and Learn” (Agenda Item # 11)—The General Manager advised the Board that the Cooperative and TVA will be hosting a Lunch and Learn at the Old Greenhouse on February 7, 2023 for Commercial and Industrial Customers. Invitations have been sent out to the largest commercial members.
12. Executive Session: (Agenda Item #12)—The Executive Committee requested an executive session to discuss the General Manager’s contract. The Board Attorney certified that this was permitted under the Open Meeting bylaw provision. Jordan Stewart made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Tyler Barnes. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays. After a brief executive session, Bill Stricklend made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Jordan Stewart. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.
13. Action Item: General Manager’s Contract—The Executive Committee made a recommendation to extend the General Manager’s contract and to increase her pay to bring her compensation more in line with other Cooperative Managers. Bill Stricklend made a motion to accept the Executive Committee’s recommendation, seconded by Janet Bright. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.
14. Declaration of Surplus Items: (Agenda Item # 13)—The General Manager stated that there were no items to be declared as surplus.
15. Member comments (Agenda Item #14)—There was an opportunity given for member comments and none were received.
16. There was an announcement that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held on February 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Cooperative Headquarters Auditorium.
17. Adjourn—There was a motion by Bill Stricklend, seconded by Jordan Stewart, to adjourn. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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<sup>2</sup> The Finance Committee is comprised of Bill Stricklend—Chairman, Dianne Prestridge, Nathan Clark, and the General Manager—*Ex Officio*.

<sup>3</sup> The Right of Way Committee is comprised of Nathan Clark—Chairman, Janet Bright, Tyler Barnes, Ty Smith, the General Manager—*Ex Officio*, and the Right of Way Supervisor, Brett Barnard—*Ex Officio*.