

Minutes  
Special Meeting of Trustees of the Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc. Boardroom

1. Roll Call—Trustees Present: Janet Bright-District 1, Chris Hemphill-District 2, Dianne Prestridge-District 3, Bill Stricklend-District 4, Tyler Barnes-District 5; Nathan Clark-District 7, Charles W Whisenant-District 8 and Trustee Ty Smith-District 9. Absent: Jeff Warren-District 6. Also present were Stacey White-General Manager; Clint Maze-Board Attorney, Cooperative Employees Brett Barnard, Chris Burgess, Tina Green and Jerry Willis, and City of Arab Officials Mayor Bob Joslin, Councilman Mike Allen, Councilman Mark Gullion and Director of Economic Development Melissa Cook.
2. Approval of the Agenda (Agenda Item #2)—Dianne Prestridge made a motion approve the agenda, seconded by Ty Smith. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.
3. Action Item: 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street Project for City (Agenda Item #3)—The President called on Mayor Joslin to address the Board regarding the project to widen Main Street from Twelfth Avenue NE, north to US Highway 231, and widen Twelfth Avenue NE from Main Street east to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE. The Mayor outlined the project and the underlying need for the project. Following the Mayor’s presentation, the Mayor gave the other City Officials an opportunity to address the Board. The Mayor, in closing, stated that the City would greatly appreciate any assistance that the Cooperative would approve to help with the electrical cost of the project. Thereafter, the City Officials excused themselves from the meeting.

The Board and the employees present engaged in a lengthy and detailed conversation about the project, the timeline, the manpower needed, and the projected cost. All Board Members present indicated a desire to assist the City as far as possible taking into consideration the cost to the membership and the benefit of the project to the membership. As was discussed in the January 2022 Regular Meeting of the Trustees, the projected cost of the Cooperative’s work on the project is \$404,153,65. The labor and equipment cost is a firm and fixed cost at \$249,000 as quoted by Corbitt. The material cost was projected at \$124,122.92 with a contingency of \$31,030.73. The material costs are not fixed. After extensive discussion, Dianne Prestridge made a motion for the Cooperative to undertake the project and the Cooperative absorbing all cost in excess of \$300,000, which will be reimbursed by the City, seconded by Bill Stricklend. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.
4. There was an announcement made that the February 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Cooperative Headquarters Auditorium.
5. Adjourn—There was a motion by Dianne Prestridge, seconded by Ty Smith, to adjourn. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.