

Minutes
Special Meeting of Trustees of the Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc. Boardroom

1. Roll Call—Trustees Present: Janet Bright-District 1, Jordan Stewart-District 2, Dianne Prestridge-District 3, Bill Stricklend-District 4 (by telephone); Tyler Barnes-District 5 (by Zoom); Jeff Warren-District 6 (by Zoom); Nathan Clark-District 7; Charles W Whisenant-District 8; and Ty Smith-District 9. Also present were Stacey White-General Manager and Clint Maze-Board Attorney.

2. Approval of the Agenda (Agenda Item #2)—Nathan Clark made a motion approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Janet Bright. Motion passed with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

3. Discussion Item: Purchase of Bucket Truck (Agenda Item #3)—The General Manager advised the board that Volt Electric is ceasing operations and that its equipment is being auctioned by Ritchie Brothers Auctions. Ritchie Brothers is an international online auction site for heavy equipment. Given the scarcity of new equipment, and the extraordinary lead times on new equipment, the General Manager inquired of the Board whether there was any interest in purchasing used equipment through auction. A full discussion followed.

After the discussion, where many alternatives were discussed, Janet Bright made a motion to suspend the rules to convert this to an action item, seconded by Ty Smith. The motion passed with 8 ayes and 0 nays. Thereafter, Jordan Stewart made a motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase a used bucket truck, upon inspection by a Cooperative employee, with the purchase price not to exceed \$200,000, seconded by Janet Bright. The motion passed with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

4. Discussion Item: New Employee¹ (Agenda Item #4)—The General Manager informed the Board that she had interview Ethan Light for a position on the Right of Way crew. Ethan Light was recommended highly by Board Member Nathan Clark and Bill Stricklend based on his work ethic and his mechanical skills. After the recommendation, Board Member Tyler Barnes advised the Board President that Ethan was his nephew. However, in the discussion, the board discussed that Ethan Light was a great hire and that his hire pursuant to the terms of the Nepotism Policy was desired.

Nathan Clark made a motion to suspend the rules and to make this an action item, seconded by Janet Bright. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Thereafter, Ty Smith made a motion pursuant to the Nepotism Policy to extend an offer of employment to Ethan Light, provided all other preemployment requirements are satisfied, seconded by Bill Stricklend. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

¹ Pursuant to the Nepotism Policy, Board Member Tyler Barnes excused himself from the meeting.

5. There was an announcement made that the August 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held on August 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Cooperative Headquarters Auditorium.

6. Adjourn—There was a motion by Janet Bright, seconded by Jeff Warren, to adjourn. Motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.