

Minutes
Meeting Of Trustees Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Meeting Following the Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 10 o'clock am
Arab High School Media Center

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; Jeff Warren-District 6; Charles W Whisenant-District 8 and Ty Smith-District 9. Also present were Stacey White-General Manager; Clint Maze-Board Attorney, Cooperative Employees, and other members of the public. Trustee Nathan Clark-District 7 was absent.
2. Election of Officers—The Board Attorney conducted the election of officers for the following year, as required by the Bylaws.
 - a. President—The Board Attorney opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board President. Tyler Barnes, Dianne Prestridge and Janet Bright all nominated Charles W. Whisenant for President. There were no other nominations and there was motion by Bill Stricklend, seconded by Dianne Prestridge, to close nominations. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Mr. Whisenant was elected by acclamation.
 - b. Vice President—The Board Attorney opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board Vice President. Janet Bright and Ty Smith nominated Dianne Prestridge for Vice President. There were no other nominations and there was motion by Ty Smith, seconded by Jeff Warren, to close nominations. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Mrs. Prestridge was elected by acclamation.
 - c. Secretary—The Board Attorney opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board Secretary. Bill Stricklend nominated Tyler Barnes for Secretary. There were no other nominations and there was motion by Charles Whisenant, seconded by Bill Stricklend, to close nominations. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Mr. Barnes was elected by acclamation.
 - d. Treasurer—The Board Attorney opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board Treasurer. Janet Bright and Tyler Barnes nominated Bill Stricklend for Treasurer. There were no other nominations and there was motion by Charles Whisenant, seconded by Janet Bright, to close nominations. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Mr. Stricklend was elected by acclamation.

Following the election of officers, the Board Attorney turned the meeting over to the President Charles Whisenant to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes— There was a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Trustees made by Bill Stricklend, seconded by Janet Bright. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

4. Action Item: COVID Leave Policy—The Board Attorney presented the COVID leave policy, which was emailed out to the Board on August 26, 2021, that provides 40 hours of additional paid leave for Cooperative Employees who test positive for COVID, after being fully vaccinated, and that supplements the short term disability paid to employees required to quarantine for a positive COVID test. The proposed policy was discussed and modified. Bill Stricklend made a motion to adopt the policy as modified, seconded by Dianne Prestridge. The Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

5. There was an announcement made that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustee would be held on September 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Arab Electric Cooperative headquarters.

6. Adjourn—There was a motion by Chris Hemphill, seconded by Dianne Prestridge, to adjourn. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.