

Minutes  
Meeting of Trustees of the Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm  
Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc. Auditorium

1. Roll Call—Trustees Present: Janet Bright-District 1, Dewayne Shedd-District 2, Dianne Prestridge-District 3, Bill Stricklend-District 4, Tyler Barnes-District 5; Jeff Warren-District 6; Nathan Clark-District 7, Charles W Whisenant-District 8 and Ty Smith-District 9. No Trustee 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)—Jeffrey Warren
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda Item #3)—Bill Stricklend
4. Approval of the Amended Agenda (Agenda Item #4)—The Board President requested that TVA Community Care Fund matching grant be added to the agenda as the new item # 13. Jeff Warren made a motion to amend the agenda by adding the TVA Community Care Fund matching grant as item #13, seconded by Dianne Prestridge. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays. Thereafter, Nathan Clark made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Dewayne Shedd. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
5. Approval of the Minutes (Agenda Item #5)—There was a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Trustees made by Jeffrey Warren, seconded by Ty Smith. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
6. Management Update (Agenda Item #6)— The General Manager began her update by presenting the monthly budget report, the Monthly Collection and Meter Department Report, the Three-Month Cash/Investment Accounts Balances Report, and the Monthly Report to TVA, all of which covered November and December 2023. The reports are made a part of the minutes. There were no disconnections for nonpayment, due to the extreme weather. Further, the General Manager thanked all of the employees of the Cooperative for their faithful and dedicated service during the recent extreme weather event.  
  
Finally, the General Manager reported that there are some repairs scheduled in the Town of Cherokee Ridge which will require that residents be without power during the work. Efforts are underway to make sure that the residents are notified in advance of the scheduled outages, so that the effect is minimal.
7. Personnel Committee<sup>1</sup> Update (Agenda Item #7)—The Personnel Committee Chairman stated that there was no update.

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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 Chairman stated that there was no update.
9. Right of Way Committee<sup>3</sup> Update (Agenda Item #9)—The Right of Way Committee Chairman reported the bid packages are being prepared for the Brindlee Mountain Substation.
10. Old Business (Agenda Item #10)—The General Manager advised that the Sundown Substation is progressing. The dirt work should be complete by the end of February. The transformer for the Sundown is expected to be delivered this summer and the manufacturer has no place to store the transformer once it is complete. Fisher Arnold is adapting the plans to take delivery ahead of schedule at the substation and place it on a pad and secure it with a fence. This plan will necessitate the transformer having to be moved once it is ready to be placed. However, this is a cheaper option than trying to locate a place to store the transformer offsite.
11. Discussion Item: (None)
12. Declaration of Surplus Items: (Agenda Item # 12)—None.
13. Action Item: Community Care Fund-TVA Grant (Amended Agenda Item)—TVA has extended its Community Care Fund, which was started in 2020. After discussion, Bill Stricklend made a motion to apply for a \$10,000 grant with the Cooperative matching the grant, for a total of \$20,000 which will be provided to Arab Emergency Relief Fund, to be used for indigent payments for electric bills, seconded by Jeffrey Warren. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
14. Member comments (Agenda Item #13)—There was an opportunity given for member comments. None were received.
15. There was an announcement that the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the AEC Headquarters Auditorium.
16. Adjourn—There was a motion by Bill Stricklend, seconded by Ty Smith, to adjourn. The motion passed with 8 yeas 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*.