

# CENTRAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

July 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Central Rural Electric Cooperative board of trustees was held July 1, 2021.

### **FINANCE REPORT** *Sondra White*

Sondra White presented the financial report.

### **WRITE OFFS** *Sondra White*

Sondra White reviewed the write offs and how getting information over to collections in a timely manner has helped to improve collections and reduce write offs.

### **COMMUNICATION REPORT** *Jillianne Tebow*

Jillianne Tebow review the recent Kilowatts and Brats member engagement events in Stillwater and Chandler. Survey results were shown displaying member support for the new meeting format and an overall satisfaction rating of 4.8 stars.

She mentioned inviting 12-14 members to join Central for the Oklahoma Living focus group July 29<sup>th</sup>. This member panel is designed to understand the most effective way to communicate with the membership.

Jillianne informed the board of an upcoming event in which legislators and key government officials will be invited from across the service territory on Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will focus on communicating Central's commitment to communities and current projects.

She also presented a reminder for the district elections timeline.

### **MAINTENANCE PLAN UPDATE** *Jackie Berna*

Jackie Berna presented an update on the Central Maintenance Plan. He noted that current weather conditions are not conducive to right of way maintenance, however things are on track to be completed timely. He communicated that Osrose is currently performing underground facilities inspections and Central is working through large underground facilities replacement projects.

### **SAFETY REPORT** *Hunter Robinson*

Hunter Robinson reviewed the Safety Report.

### **CEO'S REPORT** *Hunter Robinson*

Hunter Robinson presented the CEO report with updates including:

- Central's after hour or roll over call center CRC is experiencing a national shortage in workforce.
- Central will be submitting two candidates to NRECA's Rising Star Program which is focused on highlighting highly motivated and successful early career employees.
- Next month's Board meeting will discuss potential topics for the upcoming Strategic Plan.
- COVID's impact on Central Operations is minimal at this time but new variants could change that.
- Current Cyber Security protection measures were discussed.
- The Guernsey Long Range Forecast was reviewed.

- The Fiber Project for Central's use in communication with downline equipment update was provided stating safety is a top priority.

**OAEC REPORT** *Chris Meyers*

Chris Meyers discussed OAEC's purpose in supporting Oklahoma's electric cooperatives.

He also mentioned the Oklahoma Living Magazine being the largest subscription in the state with a special shoutout to Anna Politano being a two-time NRECA Haggard Award winner.

Jim Reese discussed Government and Regulatory Affairs.

**POLICY 609 EMPLOYEE TERMINATION** *Max Myers*

Policy 609 Employee Termination was approved as published.

**POLICY 616 SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE** *Max Myers*

Policy 616 Smoking in the Workplace was approved as published.

**POLICY 617 DISCLOSURE OF OBSCENE MATERIALS CONTAINING MINORS** *Max Myers*

Policy 617 Disclosure of Obscene Materials Containing Minors was approved as published.

**POLICY 624 DONATED ANNUAL LEAVE** *Max Myers*

624 Donated Annual Leave Discipline was approved as published.

**CAMPUS EASEMENT** *Max Myers*

Gary McCune moved, Len Tontz seconded, discussion was held, and the Campus Easement was approved.

**LEGAL REPORT** *Max Myers*

Max Myers presented the legal report to the Board of Trustees.

**KAMO REPORT** *Mark Pittman*

Mark Pittman presented the KAMO report, including the following:

- Power Deliveries
- Accounting and Finance Update
- Ransomware
- Project Foxtrot Solar
- Invenergy Projects
- Line Structure Replacements
- Wire Over Wildlife

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TRAVEL** *Tiffany Hyer*

Tiffany Hyer reviewed the upcoming meetings and travel.