

**REA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**December 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. (the “Cooperative”) was held Tuesday, December 17, 2019, in the boardroom of the Cooperative’s headquarters office located at 75 Airport Road in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

**Call to Order**

Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

*Roll Call*

All Board of Directors were present including President & CEO, the Cooperative’s attorney and the Executive Assistant.

*Reading of the Cooperative Core Values*

Management read aloud the Cooperative’s Core Value #3.

*Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made and seconded to amend the minutes as discussed. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 regular board meeting as amended. Motion carried.

*Additions to Agenda*

There were no additions to the Agenda.

**Legal Update**

The Cooperative’s attorney worked with an engineer with a Right-of-Way issue.

**President & CEO Report**

The Cooperative’s President and CEO explained that recent outages were not from the Coop’s grid, but instead from the transmission company’s grid. He announced the dates and locations of the Area meetings for Districts 3 and 4.

The Cooperative’s President and CEO gave an update on roof repairs at the Indiana District office, announced a new phone system at the Cooperative has been installed and reminded Board of Directors there will be a cost system meeting at the Indiana office in mid-January.

A variety of members will be asked to participate in a focus group for Broadband. The first meeting with a focus group will take place in Ebensburg with a second focus group to meet in Indiana.

The Cooperative's President and CEO announced the House passed the RURAL Act and it now moves onto the Senate. This Act is a fix for the new tax rules and will allow electric cooperatives keep their tax-exempt status. Lastly, the Cooperative's President and CEO spoke about new requirements for CDL drivers. Some discussion followed.

### **New Business**

#### *2020 NRTC Annual Meeting Voting Delegate*

The Cooperative's President and CEO told the Board new voting delegates need appointed since the former President and CEO is still listed as the NRTC's Voting delegate.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint the Cooperative's President and CEO the Voting Delegate and District 8 Director the Alternate Voting Delegate for NRTC. Motion carried.

#### *Bylaw Amendment*

The Cooperative's President and CEO spoke about Article III, Section 14 of the bylaws. He checked with the Cooperative's representative from RUS and was told the Cooperative does not need to notify them of rate changes. Discussion followed.

A motion was made and seconded to eliminate Article III, Section 14 of the bylaws. Motion carried.

### **Continuing Business**

#### *Memberships*

A motion was made and seconded to accept 69 new members for the month of November 2019. Motion carried.

#### *Secretary/Treasurer Report*

Board Secretary reviewed the Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

#### *Area Meetings – available dates*

Board Chairman announced the location and dates of District 3 and District 4 Area Meetings.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the days and locations of the Area Meetings as discussed. Motion carried.

### *Bike Donation*

The Cooperative's President and CEO spoke about the bicycles built by REA employees on Employee Day in October. The bikes were donated to two local charities.

Board Chairman declared a brief break at 6:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

### *Legislative Event – NRECA & PREA*

The Cooperative's President and CEO announced the NRECA Legislative Event will be held in April, 2020. The PREA Legislative Event will be held in June, 2020.

### *Escheats request*

A local non-profit organization submitted a second application for Escheats donation. The application includes further details and more financial information. The request will be reviewed by the Escheats Committee and they will decide the best course of action.

### **Reports**

The Board heard and discussed various business and activity reports.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous**

The following were reviewed by the Board of Directors:

- PREA News – announcement about Herm Blakley's passing
- Article of Broadband
- Federated Member Equity Account Statement

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Board Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.