

**Board Meeting Summary**  
**July 29, 2020**

**The monthly board meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 8:30 am. The meeting was held at the Friendship Service Center, practicing safe distancing due to COVID-19.**

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Director Gibeaut's invocation. A Safety Message was provided by Director Kelly.

All directors were in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting activities:

The agenda, consent agenda items, board expense vouchers and the minutes of the June 25, 2020 regular board meeting minutes were approved.

**General Manager Report:** Porter gave an update on the protocols for the COVID-19 and if lobby will be closed then board meetings will be held via conference call. Porter noted the timing of the Public Service Commission's order regarding disconnects and the decision to continue proceeding with disconnects as the members affected is less than 1% of our membership.

**Director Reports:** The board thanked Porter for his weekly updates on the pandemic. Several board members had educational interactions with members.

**Presentation:** Courtney Berner of the UW Center for Cooperatives virtually joined the meeting providing the educational opportunities that are available to the board including a Director's Forum and online webinars.

**Board Action Items:**

- Gibeaut noted the value of NRECA and WECA educational opportunities. Hoernke asked Gibeaut to select a monthly topic/podcast (5 minutes) and board will add to monthly agenda.
- Board agreed to use the monthly board educational opportunities with guest speakers provided by Porter.
- Board approved to rescind board policy #2-2: Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News. Kerska provided cost savings by creating our own in-house newsletter of approximately \$175,000 per year, beginning January 1, 2021. Board expressed that members would need to be informed of this change. Members can still view the WECN magazine electronically on WECA's website or subscribe to the magazine directly through WECA.
- Board approved the updated board policies #4-27: Sexual & Other Unlawful Harassment and #9-1: Equal Employment Opportunity.
- Several bylaw discussion items were tabled to the August meeting.
- In lieu of a board succession plan, board in agreement that a current board member should notify the board of their intention of running for re-election or not by November 1<sup>st</sup> prior to their term expiring.
- Gibeaut noted Chuck Simmons, WI NRECA representative asked her to join the NRECA Resolutions Committee at the Region 5 & 6 Meeting in October.
- Board in agreement that a new self-assessment should be done, perhaps using UW Center for Cooperatives.

**Departmental Reports:** Departmental reports were reviewed. Roberts reviewed the drivers for setting rates, noting cost recovery should come from cost drivers. Three parts of the rates: fixed costs, capacity or distribution demand and energy costs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

*Board approved the July meeting minutes on August 26, 2020.  
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