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EMERGENCY MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

OCTOBER 29, 2024

An emergency meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees of Lynches River Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the Cooperative headquarters in Pageland, South Carolina. The following board members were present:

Steve Chewning	Charles M. Crawford	Leonard Gardner
Cindy Vincent	John T. Blackwell	Billy King
Theresa Hicks	Kevin Sims- By phone	
Brian Broughton (CEO)	Tiffany Faulkenberry	
Harold Gardner- Absent		

President Steve Chewning called the meeting to order. Billy King gave the invocation.

Steve Chewning began the meeting by announcing that Harold Gardner nor Kevin Sims would not be resigning from the Board at this time. To resign an official letter must be sent to the officers of the board.

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, Brian Broughton was reinstated as the President/CEO of Lynches River. A mandatory employee meeting was held on Friday, October 25, 2024. Steve Chewning announced that Brian Broughton had been reinstatement effective Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Steve Chewning reported that John DuBose, Lynches River Attorney, has resigned effective Thursday, October 24, 2024. ECSC has been contacted and has agreed to represent Lynches River Electric Cooperative until a permanent counsel has been found. Chris Koon, with ECSC, will act as lead counsel. Chris was unable to attend the meeting due to prior obligations. ECSC has provided a list of eight law firms familiar with cooperatives along with a legal agreement. ECSC will not charge LREC for legal services but will pay roundtrip mileage. The recommendation was made to ask Chris Koon and Mike Couick to narrow the list to five or six firms. The list provided is a recommendation of experienced cooperative lawyers but does not have to be used. At the pleasure of the Board, Billy made a motion to narrow the list, and Cindy Vincent seconded, and unanimously approved. Steve read the legal agreement and made a motion to approve the agreement, Jackie Blackwell seconded the motion, and no discussion was made, all approved.

The legal agreement and list of law firms will be emailed to Harold Gardner and Kevin Sims.

Steve discussed that Brian Broughton would need to be put back on the Central Electric and ECSC Board and asked that motions be made for both.

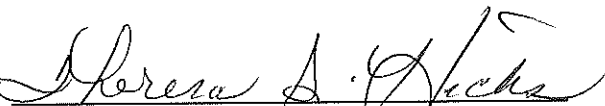
The Central Board motion was made by Jackie Blackwell and seconded by Cindy Vincent. Motion carried 7-1 with Kevin Sims opposing.

The ECSC Board motion was made by Jackie Blackwell and seconded by Cindy Vincent. Motion carried 7-1 with Kevin Sims opposing.

Kevin Sims raised a question to Mr. Broughton regarding whether the mileage checks he received from ECSC and Central Electric were turned over to the cooperative since he was using a company vehicle. Broughton clarified that he received one check from Central. Mr. Sims asked if that one check was per diem or per diem and mileage and if he had cashed it for himself. Mr. Broughton stated he had cashed it for himself as he was told to. Steve Chewning instructed the board and staff to gather additional information regarding this question and report back at a later date.

Lastly, a discussion took place regarding the voting delegates for ECSC. Currently, Theresa Hicks serves as the voting delegate, and Dustin Catoe is the alternate. Steve Chewning moved that Brian Broughton serve as the new alternate while retaining Theresa Hicks as the voting delegate. Billy King seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7-1, with Kevin Sims opposing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.

Signed: 
Theresa Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer
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ATTEST:


Steve Chewning, President