

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, April 6, 2022

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc.
was held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 1:30 p.m.,
at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin.*

Present: Clarice Johnson, Merle Bergren, Gary Ganje, Gretchen Sampson, Elvira Schmidt, Ed Peterson, Herschel Brown, Alma Karels and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: JoAnn Kipping.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ed Peterson, president, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Gretchen Sampson to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Gary Ganje and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the January 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved. Joan O'Fallon will post the January 2022 minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Alma Karels, secretary/treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Year-to-date funds totaled \$52,703.15. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$19,500. The ending balance is \$33,203.15. A motion was made by Clarice Johnson and seconded by Gretchen Sampson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon shared thank you notes from past grant recipients. Herschel Brown shared an Honorary Chapter Degree Award presented to Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative from Luck FFA. He attended the Luck FFA Banquet April 4, 2022, and accepted the award on behalf of the co-op and Operation Round Up. Luck FFA received Operation Round Up grants in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Gary Ganje read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Elvira Schmidt to approve \$14,950 in grant funding for 16 local nonprofits below:

- 1. Village of Siren Ballpark, \$1,000, beverage cooler for concession stand**
- 2. Sterling, Eureka, Laketown Historical Society, \$1,000, new projector for Cushing Community Center**
- 3. Amery Wrestling Club, \$500, tournaments, equipment, club expenses**
- 4. Restorative Justice of NW Wisconsin, \$1,000, program support**
- 5. Polk County Dept of Children and Families, \$1,000, gas cards for families**
- 6. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy Center, \$1,000, new saddles**
- 7. Luck School Garden, \$1,000, composite boards for raised garden beds**
- 8. Frederic Community Education, \$450, pickleball equipment**

9. **Gift of Warm Clothing, \$1,500, boots, coats, snow pants and winter clothes for local families**
10. **Amery Area Community Center, \$1,000, defibrillator**
11. **Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,000, building supplies, tools and equipment**
12. **Siren Trap Team, \$500, team expenses, entry fees, shells**
13. **Siren School AODA Prevention, \$1,000, guest speaker on being kind, inclusive and confident**
14. **Home and Away Ministries, \$1,000, heating assistance for Ruby's Retreat Center in Luck**
15. **Farm, Feral & Stray, \$1,000, live traps for mobile spay/neuter clinics**
16. **Frederic Farmers Market, \$1,000, signage and expenses to promote market**

The following grant was put on hold and will be asked for more detailed information about grant purpose:

Luck School District, \$1,000, new kitchen equipment for Family and Consumer Science Dept.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Elvira Schmidt and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve mileage reimbursement for board members who submitted expense forms. Checks will be mailed by Polk-Burnett's finance department.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, the board discussed giving policies and practices, including grant amount limits and eligible organizations.

A motion was made by Elvira Schmidt and seconded by Clarice Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 1:30 p.m., in Siren.