

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc. was held at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 7298 State Road 70, Webster, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 1:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Absent: Kris McCormack, Elvira Schmidt.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Gary Ganje, president, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Alma Karels and seconded by Clarice Johnson.

BOARD RENEWALS

Joan O'Fallon reported that three-year term renewals were approved by the Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative board at its June 24 regular board meeting for Clarice Johnson, district 1; Herschel Brown, district 5; and Alma Karels, district 9. New terms run 2019 – 2022.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Herschel Brown to nominate Gary Ganje for president. Ed Peterson moved to close the nomination. Approved.

A motion was made by Merle Bergren to nominate Ed Peterson for vice president. Herschel Brown moved to close the nomination. Approved.

A motion was made Merle Bergren to nominate Alma Karels for secretary-treasurer. Gary Ganje moved to close the nomination. Approved.

Officers are Gary Ganje, president; Ed Peterson, vice president and Alma Karels, secretary-treasurer.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Herschel Brown to approve the April 3, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Joan O'Fallon will post minutes on the website.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made Clarice Johnson and seconded by Herschel Brown to approve the treasurer's report. The year-to-date total through June 2019 is \$57,849.74. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$32,547.84, plus \$395.56 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance is \$24,906.34.

MEETING FACILILATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon distributed thank-you notes and publications from grant recipients, newspaper clips and the 2018 Polk-Burnett Charities/Operation Round Up annual report, as shared with the co-op board.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Herschel Brown read the mission statement to guide the board's consideration of grant requests.

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT FUNDING

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve \$17,482 in grant funding for 21 organizations listed below.

1. **Grantsburg Area Historical Society, \$399, museum signs**
2. **Clear Lake Area Community Center, \$1,000, door upgrade for safety and security**
3. **Polk County Home and Community Education, \$500, early childhood books**
4. **Siren Police Department, \$1,000, laptop for squad car**
5. **Farm, Feral & Stray, \$633, mailing to offer free spay/neuter program**
6. **Clear Lake Schools, \$1,000, mental health/suicide prevention education at high school**
7. **St. Croix Falls Police K9 Association, \$1,000, support new K9 program**
8. **North Land Municipal Ambulance, \$1,000, two motorized stretchers**
9. **Moms and Dads Against Meth, \$1,000, support for Butterfly House, a sober residence for women**
10. **Polk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council, \$1,250, treatment goal incentives**
11. **Arnell Memorial Humane Society, \$1,000, kennel repairs and renovations**
12. **Luck Agricultural Education, \$350, vertical hydroponic system for school greenhouse**
13. **Kinship of Polk County, \$1,000, recruit and train mentors for local youth**
14. **Grantsburg Community Education, \$850, food and activities for STAR Club**
15. **Amery Area Historical Society, \$1,000, visual display and archives**
16. **Burnett County Family Resource Center, \$750, new table and chairs**
17. **Burnett Youth Hockey Association, \$500, dividers for ice rink**
18. **Burnett County Foster Closet, \$1,500, backpacks with clothing and personal care items**
19. **St. Croix River Association, \$500, 15 pairs of snowshoes**
20. **North Wood and Waters, St. Croix Heritage Area, \$500, online event calendar**
21. **Grantsburg Revitalization Operation (GRO), \$750, splash pad for community pool**

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and seconded by Alma Karels to approve mileage reimbursement for board members who submitted expense forms. Checks will be mailed by Polk-Burnett's finance department.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alma Karels and seconded by Clarice Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 1:30 p.m., Centuria