

Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc./Operation Round-Up® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2022

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Polk-Burnett Charities, Inc.
was held Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 1:30 p.m.,
at Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 1001 State Road 35, Centuria, Wisconsin.*

Present: JoAnn Kipping, Gretchen Sampson, Elvira Schmidt, Ed Peterson, Herschel Brown, Alma Karels, Marlyn Bottolfson, Clarice Johnson and Joan O'Fallon (facilitator).

Absent: Gary Ganje

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ed Peterson, president, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Joan O'Fallon announced that the electric co-op board appointed Marlyn Bottolfson in August to fill the remainder of Merle Bergren's term in District 4 (Oct. 2022 – June 2023). Merle Bergren passed away in August. He was a charter member of the Operation Round Up board, serving 24 years from 1998 – 2022. Joan and Marlyn visited Merle's family following the meeting to hand deliver a sympathy card and memorial donation to the Arnell Memorial Humane Society in Amery.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Herschel Brown and seconded by Clarice Johnson to approve the treasurer's report, presented by Alma Karels, secretary/treasurer. Year-to-date funds through September 2022 totaled \$87,193.86. Year-to-date disbursements totaled \$55,259, plus \$444.11 for board mileage reimbursement. The ending balance was \$31,490.75. Motion carried.

MEETING FACILITATOR'S REPORT

Joan O'Fallon presented board directors with plaques recognizing \$1,000,000 in grants awarded by Operation Round Up since its beginning in 1998. The milestone was achieved in 2022 and will be recognized by the co-op. Joan also shared the 2023 meeting calendar, 2023 board roster, and thank-you notes from grant recipients and newspaper clips of check presentations from the past quarter.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Gretchen Sampson 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 Clarice Johnson to approve \$10,000 in grant funding for nine organizations below.

1. Burnett County Historical Society, \$1,000, camera and scanner to digitize photos

2. **Yellow Lake Food Distribution, \$2,000, *monthly food distribution to local families***
3. **St. Croix Tribal Police Dept., \$1,000, *body cameras for officers***
4. **Friends of Amery Area Public Library, \$1,000, *large print books***
5. **Polk County Historical Society, \$1,000, *web design and maintenance***
6. **Siren Police Dept., \$1,000, *portable radio***
7. **Clear Lake Area Community Center, \$1,000, *shelves for thrift shop***
8. **St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, \$1,000, *resources and support for Polk County residents***
9. **Burnett County Medical Examiner, \$1,000, *reference bone kits***

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Mileage reimbursement will be paid to board members who submitted expense forms. Checks will be mailed by Polk-Burnett's finance department.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Peterson, president, adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m., Centuria