

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2021

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in Regular Session on May 11, 2021. Board Chairman Ray Cook called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

The invocation was led by Director Cook, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Gayland Trull.

The following Directors were present as noted by Board Secretary Roy Perren and were in attendance during the Board Meeting:

Ray Cook, President/Chair
Danny Henson, Director
Jack Lance, Director (present online)
Jeff Ledford, Director
Gene Mason, Director
Cory Payne, Director
Roy Perren, Director (unable to attend until later in the meeting due to work conflict)
Bert Rogers, Director
Gayland Trull, Director

The following Staff were recognized by the Chairman and were present during Regular Session:

Allan Glidewell, General Manager
Erik Brinke, Director of Administrative Services and External Relations
Amanda Holdaway, Director of Finance and Accounting
Travis Lunsford, Director of Operations
Sonny Mahan, Director of Member Services
Kelly Crawford, Manager of Media and Communications

Upon request of Chairman Cook, the Meeting Agenda for May 11, 2021 was considered. A motion to accept the Agenda, as presented, was approved by unanimous vote upon Motion by Director Danny Henson seconded by Director Bert Rogers.

Upon request of Chairman Cook, the Minutes for the April 13, 2021 Board Meeting were considered. A motion to accept the Minutes, as presented, was approved by unanimous vote upon Motion by Director Bert Rogers seconded by Director Gayland Trull.

Board Chair Cook asked for any declarations of conflicts of interest by the Directors and none were disclosed.

Director Payne presented the Finance Committee report of the Committee meeting held at 5 p.m., to the Board, which was noted by the Chair as received and to be filed with the Minutes of the meeting for subsequent audit.

Director Rogers presented the Policy and Public Relations Committee report of the Committee meeting held at 5:06 p.m. The Committee approved minutes from previous month's meeting and did not take up any further business.

Reports:

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Safety Report. Training has resumed face-to-face adhering to COVID safety guidance.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Reliability Report. Continuing to work on tree maintenance that is a common cause of outages.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Finance Report. Already heard the Finance Committee's report. This month's sales is lower than the previous month due to this month being warmer. Overall, financial metrics are trending very well and close to projections. Operating and Maintenance is tracking on target.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Human Resources Report.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Engineering Report.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Operations Report.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Broadband Report.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Member Services Report. Seeing a rise in the surge protection program over the last month.

General Manager Allan Glidewell presented the Contact Summary & Member Interactions Report. We continue to see an increase in online services being used. Phone calls continue to be a steady means of contact as well.

Director of Administrative Services and External Relations Erik Brinke presented the Economic Development Report.

Member Comments:

None

Old Business:

Nominating/Credentials & Elections Committee needs to be selected by board members at tonight's meeting. The majority of the lists have been confirmed; waiting on a couple others from Director Gene Mason.

Need a decision on the re-opening of Board of Directors Meeting to the public. Tabled until all Board of Directors are present.

Just a reminder about the 2021 Washington Youth Tour that was canceled. Georgia EMC created a virtual tour that will be held June 22-24. Delegates have been chosen and Manager of Media and Communications Kelly Crawford will work with the delegates on behalf of BRMEMC.

The RFP for fiber construction has been released. Proposals are accepted through May 28.

New Business:

EMC Directors Association of Georgia's 2021 Conference is open for the Board of Directors to attend. Board Directors need to see Executive Assistant Jane Henson to register.

This year's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23 beginning at 4 p.m. at the Towns County Recreation Center. A tentative schedule is being developed with a contingency plan in case there is a spike in COVID cases or closures.

2021-2022 Budget presented for first review. A working session has been planned for June 1.

Director Reports:

Director Henson inquired about NGN. Director Perren reported that NGN states it will be a couple of months before assets are fully distributed. Director Perren made a motion that General Manager Allan Glidewell replace Daniel Frizzell's nomination as a Board Member to NGN. The nomination was seconded by Director Trull.

Other Business:

None


The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m. before going into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, this, the 11th day of May 2021.

Roy Perren,
Secretary of the Board of Directors, BRMEMC

ATTEST: The undersigned EMC officers attest that the foregoing minutes of the Board Meeting on the 13th day of April 2021, were approved in Regular Session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 8th day of June 2021.



Ray Cook, Board Chairman



Roy Perren, Secretary