

**BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 10, 2021

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in Regular Session on August 10, 2021. Board Chairman Ray Cook called the meeting to order at 6:19PM.

The invocation was led by Director Rogers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Lance.

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

Ray Cook, President/Chair  
Danny Henson, Director  
Jack Lance, Director  
Gene Mason, Director  
Cory Payne, Director  
Roy Perren, Director  
Bert Rogers, Director  
Gayland Trull, Director  
Jeff Ledford, Director via phone

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

Allan Glidewell, General Manager  
Charles Autry, Board Attorney  
Heather Waldroup, Assistant Director of Finance and Acct.  
Travis Lunsford, Director of Operations  
Daniel Frizzell, Director of Engineering  
Sonny Mahan, Director of Member Services  
Erik Brinke, Director of Administrative Services  
Kelley Crawford, Manager of Communication  
Alex King, Director of Broadband Services

Kelly Crawford introduced the Washington Youth Tour Students. Rylie Livingston – Towns County, Campbell Chambers – Union County, Tia Proctor – Hayesville. The Youth Tour was a Virtual Event this year held on our campus. The three students spoke about the youth tour and what they gained by attending.

Upon request of Chairman Cook, the meeting agenda for August 10, 2021, was considered. A motion to approve the agenda was approved by unanimous vote upon motion by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Ledford.

Upon request of Chairman Cook, the minutes of the Board Meeting of July 15, 2021, were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was approved by unanimous vote upon motion by

Director Henson, seconded by Director Payne.

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

Director Payne presented the Finance Committee Report of the Committee meeting of August 10, 2021, at 5:00 PM, 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 of July 15, 2021, at 5P:09M. The committee approved minutes from the last meeting. Two policy amendments were presented as a motion from the Policy Committee: A change to Policy Bulletin 536 was proposed to amend to better align BRMEMC policy with Georgia, North Carolina, and Federal Law. A change to Policy 528 was presented to update the Wage & Salary Plan to reflect new job titles. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. After discussion the motion was passed by unanimous vote of the board.

General Manager, Allan Glidewell presented the Safety Report

General Manager, Allan Glidewell presented the Reliability Report

General Manager, Allan Glidewell presented the Finance Report

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

General Manager, Allan Glidewell presented the Contact Summary & Member Interactions Report

Director of Administrative Services, Erik Brinke presented the Economic Development Report

Member Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

General Manager Glidewell presented information on ACRE Dues for Political Action Committee.

#### Right-of-Way Plan update

General Manager Glidewell presented information on upcoming ROW work. Helicopter Trimming is scheduled to begin this week. BRMEMC has made a concentrated effort to notify members of the use of the helicopter on maintaining ROW.

#### Hanging Dog Substation Construction Bid

General Manager Glidewell presented bids from four contracting companies. Staff recommends accepting the evaluated low bid from Aubrey Silvey of \$2,879,000. Director Perren made a motion to accept the recommendation of staff. Director Payne seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was passed by unanimous vote of the board.

#### Annual Meeting Update

General Manager Glidewell presented an update on September 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center. In the event of a COVID shutdown, there is a backup plan to hold the meeting at BRMEMC Headquarters as we did last year.

#### Ballot & Printing Procedures Review

General Manager Glidewell explained the Ballot and Printing Procedures. Discussed potential changes to timeline in future. Presented a sample ballot for this year's election.

#### Engineering Services Award

General Manager Glidewell presented bids from three engineers on the four-year construction work plan and the distribution system study. Not ready at this point to make a recommendation.

#### Supply Chain Issues

General Manager Glidewell presented information on how we are dealing with supply chain issues. We are in good shape through at least end of this year. Manufacturers are having issues with getting raw materials for products. Manufacturers are also facing labor shortages.

#### Director Reports:

None

#### Other Business:

None

The board adjourned at 7:49PM before going into Executive Session.

They came out of Executive Session. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

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Respectfully submitted, this the 10th day of August, 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 10th day of August 2021, were approved in Regular Session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



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Ray Cook, Board Chairman



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Roy Perren, Secretary