

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2021

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in regular session on July 15, 2021. Board Chairman Ray Cook called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

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

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
Jeff Ledford, Director
Gene Mason, Director
Cory Payne, Director
Roy Perren, Director
Bert Rogers, Director
Gayland Trull, Director

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 Communications

Upon request of Chairman Cook, the meeting agenda for July 15, 2021, was considered. A motion to approve the agenda was approved by unanimous vote upon motion by Director Payne, seconded by Director Lance.

Upon request of Chairman Cook, the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 8, 2021 were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was approved by unanimous vote upon motion by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Ledford .

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 July 15,

2021, 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. The committee approved minutes from the last meeting and did not take up any further business.

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

Pine Log GREAT Grant Update. 7.5% of fiber line constructed in 7 days. No customers activated at this time. Very please with the progress to this point. Potential customers have been contacted. Good response to emails. Appears that there is a strong interest in the area.

Hanging Dog Community Fiber Grant Update. Archeological Draft Report forthcoming and will be submitted to RUS for final guidance on how to proceed.

NTIA Grant Opportunity. Looking at 5 separate grant applications through this program. Looking to apply for a project in each county we serve. Almost \$51 million in grant would require us to pay around \$5million. At 40% take rate would add almost 5,000 members and approximately \$3.6 million in added revenue annually.

New Business:

Hanging Dog Substation-Building Bids

Three bids received for control building. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from VFP for \$118,976.00. Director Perren made a motion, seconded by Director Ledford, to approve the staff recommendation. After discussion the motion was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Right-of-Way Plan

General Manager Glidewell presented the 5 year Right of Way Plan to the board.

Director Reports:

None

Other Business:

None

The board adjourned at 7:23PM before going into Executive Session.

The board came out of Executive Session. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, this, the 15th day of July, 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 15th day of July, 2021, were approved in regular session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 10th day of August, 2021.



Ray Cook, Board Chairman



Roy Perren, Secretary