

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in Regular Session on June 14, 2022. Board Chairman Roy Perren called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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

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

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

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

Allan Glidewell, General Manager
Amanda Holdaway, Director of Finance & Accounting
Travis Lunsford, Director of Operations
Daniel Frizzell, Director of Engineering
Sonny Mahan, Director of Member Services
Eric Brinke, Director of Administrative Services
Alex King, Manager of Broadband Services
Kelley Crawford, Manager of Communication
Charles Autry, BRMEMC Counsel

Upon request of Chairman Perren, the meeting agenda for June 14, 2022, was considered. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Henson and approved by unanimous vote.

Upon request of Chairman Perren, the minutes of the Board Meeting of May 12, 2022 were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Payne, seconded by Director Ledford and approved by unanimous vote.

Conflict of Interests:

None

Director Perren read report on behalf of Finance Committee regarding Cooperative Finances.

Director Rogers read report on behalf of Policy Committee regarding Cooperative Policies. Policy #310 regarding Service Interruptions to update the Policy and Policy #311 regarding Shortage of Electricity. Several changes to update the Policies was presented and approved by the Committee. Motion to approve amendments of edits to Policy #310 and Policy #311 was brought forward by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Henson and approved by unanimous consent.

Manager Glidewell provided the following reports to the Board: Safety, Reliability, Financial Report, HR/Personnel, and Activity Reports, including the Engineering Report, Operations Report, Broadband Services Report, Member Services Report and the Contact Summary & Member Interactions. Mr. Brinke provided the Economic Development Report.

Member Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

General Manager Glidewell informed Board that a Pandemic Credit created by TVA is being reduced from 2.5% to 1.5%. BRMEMC is given two options moving forward. Option 1 is for the BRMEMC to keep the credit instead of passing it through to customers. Option 2 allows BRMEMC to pass on the credit to the customers. The TVA requires a choice to be made by June 30, 2022. Director Cook made a motion to approve Option 2 to pass the credit along to the customers. The motion was seconded by Director Payne. After discussion, the motion to choose Option 2 was pass by a vote of 5-3 to. Directors Henson, Ledford and Trull voted no.

Manager Glidewell informed the Board of a proposal from Union County to provide \$50,000.00 to BRMEMC to aid in funding fiber construction in Union County. Staff presented concerns with applying such funds in areas already subject to awarded grants. Staff also presented an alternative application of proffered funds that could improve the existing project to install an EV charging facility in Blairsville. Federal standards have been updated to require charge station being put in to have a higher charge capacity and faster charge time. The Staff put forward option to have funds reallocated through the Union County Chamber of Commerce for purposes of upgrading joint charge station that BRMEMC and the Chamber are working on in order to be compliant with updated standards. A motion to decline the Union County contribution opportunity to the BRMEMC of \$50,000.00 was made by Director Henson, seconded by Director Mason and passed by a vote of 6-1. Director Lance voted no and Director Cook

abstained. The board did stipulate BRMEMC could participate in the improvement to the EV charging station project should the county provide this additional funding to the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Reports from Directors:

None

Other Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Executive Session


At 7:39 pm, President Perren directed a brief intermission in the meeting. At 7:57 pm, a motion to enter Executive Session was made by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Ledford and approved by unanimous vote.

The Board came out of Executive Session.

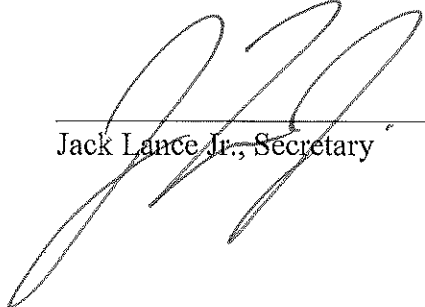
With no further business, Director Trull made a motion to adjourn meeting and said motion was seconded by Director Rogers and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Secretary of the Board of Directors, BRMEMC.

ATTEST: The undersigned EMC officers attest that the foregoing minutes of the Board Meeting on the 14th day of June 2022, were approved in Regular Session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 19th day of July, 2022.



Roy Perren, Board Chairman



Jack Lance Jr., Secretary