

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in regular session on October 11, 2022. Board Chairman Roy Perren called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

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

General Manager Glidewell provided the safety and logistics briefing.

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
Jeff Ledford, Director
Cory Payne, Director
Gayland Trull, Director

Ray Cook, Director was absent from the meeting

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
Erik 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 October 11, 2022, was considered. A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Director Payne, seconded by Director Henson and approved by unanimous vote.

Upon request of Chairman Perren, the minutes of the Board Meeting of September 13, 2022 and the Annual Board Meeting on September 24, 2022 were considered. A motion to approve both minutes was made by Director Henson, seconded by Director Rogers and approved by unanimous vote.

Conflict of Interests:

None

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

Director Rogers read report on behalf of Policy Committee regarding Cooperative Policies. Policy #342 regarding General Wiring Requirements was reviewed to update the Policy. An update to Policy #342 was presented and approved by the Committee. Motion to approve the amendment to Policy #342 was brought forward by the Committee, seconded by Director Henson and approved by unanimous consent.

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

Member Comments:

John Kelley spoke to the Board concerning a project with Alvin Gibson in downtown Young Harris. Power line on site needed to be relocated. A plan to do so was formulated by the BRMEMC. Mr. Kelley is asking for a reduction in cost for the relocation due to the economic benefits it will provide the community. Mr. Kelley also thanked the BRMEMC for allowing him to attend and present.

Luis & Diana Ramirez addressed the Board regarding the BRMEMC's current practice of prohibiting putting an intermediate portion of overhead primary voltage power line underground by a member. They live in Blairsville Georgia. The power line that currently exists obstructs their use and enjoyment of their property.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

General Manager Glidewell brought before the Board the annual ACRE Membership Dues and presented making a donation to the organization.

Discussion of the need to purchase and replace a BRMEMC Directional Drill was presented to the Board. The Staff recommended the Board approve the amended budget proposal to allow

BRMEMC to purchase this necessary item to help facilitate construction. A motion to approve the Staff's recommendation was made by Director Henson, seconded by Director Rogers and approved by unanimous vote.

The Board was informed about the Broadband Core Network Upgrade and plan to be up and running by the middle of November. The Staff recommends the Board approve the amended budget proposal to allow BRMEMC to purchase any necessary items needed to help facilitate the additional upgrades. A motion to approve the Staff's recommendation was made by Director Payne, seconded by Director Ledford and approved by unanimous vote.

General Manager Glidewell brought before the Board the RUS Form 300 for review by the Board which is in compliance with USDA guidelines. Said inspection and review occurs every three years. The BRMEMC was found to be operating in a satisfactory manner in compliance with USDA RUS Form 300 guidelines.

Reports from Directors:

None

Other Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Executive Session

At 6:50 pm, President Perren directed a brief intermission in the meeting. At 7:12 pm, a motion to enter Executive Session made by Director Henson, seconded by Director Ledford and approved by unanimous vote.

The Board came out of executive session and with no further business, Director Trull made a motion to adjourn meeting, said motion was seconded by Director Henson and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Secretary of the Board of Directors, BRMEMC.

ATTEST: The undersigned EMC officers attest that the foregoing minutes of the Board Meeting on the 11th day of October 2022, were approved in Regular Session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 15th day of November, 2022.



Roy Perren, Board Chairman



Jack Lance Jr., Secretary