

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in Regular Session on December 12, 2023. Board President Roy Perren called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

The following Directors were present as noted by Board President Perren and were in attendance during the board meeting:

Roy Perren, President/Chair
Danny Henson, Director
Gene Mason, Director
Bert Rogers, Director
Cory Payne, Director
Gayland Trull, Director
Ray Cook, Director

Directors Lance and Ledford were absent.

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
Sharon Kyser, Director of Member Services
Alex King, Director of Broadband Services
Erik Brinke, Director of Administrative Services
Ryan Anderson, Director of Information Systems
Kelley Crawford, Manager of Communication
Charles Autry, BRMEMC Counsel

Upon request of President Perren, the meeting agenda for December 12, 2023, was considered. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Henson, seconded by Director Rogers and approved by unanimous vote.

Upon request of President Perren, the minutes of **the** board meeting of November 14, 2023 were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Payne 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 and Public Relations Committee. The Committee brought forward a motion to ratify the update of the pricing section of Policy Bulletin 336 per the change indicated by the Handy-Whitman Index (such update as is dictated by that policy on Electric Service Fees). Also in that motion, the committee proposed amendment of Policy Bulletin 506 regarding nepotism to allow in-law relationships but curtail relationships with confidential positions. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 and Activity Reports, including the Engineering Report, Operations Report, Broadband Services Report, Member Services Report and the Contact Summary & Member Interactions Reports. Mr. Brinke provided the Economic Development Report.

Member Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

NRTC Voting delegates were up for renewal. The positions were discussed. Motion was made by Director Cook to leave Director Henson as the voting delegate and General Manager Glidewell as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Director Rogers and passed unanimously.

A letter from USDA regarding the results of the audit of fund disbursements for the Hanging Dog grant was presented for review. The letter indicated a clean audit with no findings. No action was required or taken.

A budget amendment for edge router support was presented recommending an increase of \$203,205.58 to take advantage of a three year support contract instead of the one year contract previously budgeted. The three year contract would represent a cost savings of \$113,182.42 over the three year period. Motion was made to approve the presented budget amendment by Director Henson and seconded by Director Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports from Directors:

None

Other Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Executive Session

At 6:51 pm, President Perren directed a brief intermission in the meeting. At 6:59 pm, a motion to enter Executive Session was made by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Henson and approved by unanimous vote.

At 8:30 pm a motion was made by Director Trull to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. The motion passed unanimously.


With no further business, Director Trull made a motion to adjourn meeting and said motion was seconded by Director Henson and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Secretary of the Board of Directors, BRMEMC.

ATTEST: The undersigned EMC officers attest that the foregoing minutes of the Board Meeting on the 12th day of December 2023, were approved in Regular Session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 9th day of January, 2024.



Roy Perren, Board President



Jack Lance Jr., Secretary