

**BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP  
CORPORATION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 13, 2024

The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC) met in Regular Session on February 13, 2023. Board President Roy Perren called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

The invocation was led by President Perrin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Cory Payne.

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

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

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

President Perrin opened the meeting by requesting a moment of silence to honor Mrs. Jane Henson, a long tenured employee with BRMEMC that passed away recently following a brief illness.

Upon request of President Perren, the meeting agenda for February 13, 2024 was considered. A Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Director Payne, Seconded by Director Ledford and approved by unanimous vote.

Upon request of President Perrin, the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 9, 2023 was considered. A Motion to approve the January 9, 2024 minutes were made by Director Payne, Seconded by Director Trull 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 discussed future updates to Policy Bulletin 232 with regards to Merchandising Activities and Promotional Activities. The Policy to update offerings available to both employees and Directors. A motion to amend Policy 232 to provide appropriate edits to the Policy for clarification purposes. The motion was approved by the Board 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, Report and Activity Reports, including the Engineering Report, Operations Report, Broadband Services Report, Member Services Report and the Contact Summary & Member Interactions Reports. Erik Brinke provided the Economic Development Report.

Ryan Anderson provided a report concerning Board vantage and device options available to the Board.

Member Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Manager Glidewell provided a report and recommendation by Staff concerning Broadband Rates & Speeds with an updated rate. A motion to approve the updated rate sheet was made by Director Henson, seconded to Director Rogers and passed by unanimous vote.

Manager Glidewell brought forward information concerning the NRECA Directors Conference taking place in Nashville, Tennessee from April 8-9.

Manager Glidewell brought to the Board an offer to sale the Pole Yard Property in Young Harris on the Old Headquarters property. A Board Resolution to authorize the sale was offered by Manager Glidewell. A motion to rescind the June 20, 2023 was made de by Director Henson, seconded by Director Cook and passed by unanimous vote. A motion to approve the updated Resolution with an attachment stating the price and purchasing party was made by Director Payne, seconded by Director Ledford and passed by unanimous vote.

Reports from Directors:

Director Henson asked for the annual budget be presented in May this year. Manager Glidewell stated that all efforts to provide the report in May as directed would be made. Director Henson further brought up an alternative to human flaggers on roadwork sites with automated options. The Board will explore the feasibility of replacing with automated options in the future. Lastly, Director Henson asked for an update on helicopters providing right of way work. Manager Glidewell stated that it is the intent of the BRMEMC to continue using a helicopter service for the foreseeable future.

Other Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Executive Session

At 7:11 pm, President Perren directed a brief intermission in the Meeting. At 7:26 pm, a Motion to enter Executive Session made by Director Rogers, Seconded by Director Henson and approved by unanimous vote.

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 8:41 pm.

Secretary of the Board of Directors, BRMEMC.

ATTEST: The undersigned EMC officers attest that the foregoing minutes of the Board Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, were approved in Regular Session of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



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Roy Perren, Board President



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Jack Lance Jr., Secretary