

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)
Board Meeting
April 29, 2021

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on April 29, 2021, beginning at 9:00 am, at the Newnan Utilities, Newnan, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

Lamar Hill
Jay Bartlett
Tim Houston
Mark Fitzpatrick
Chris White
Gary Youngblood

Board Members Not Present:

Craig Mims
Rod Prince
Jeff Lewis

Others in Attendance: John Giles, Daryl Ingram, Sheri Braddick, Walter West, Sallie Coleman, Jon Beasley, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, John VanBrunt, Colin Chance, Michael Pichon, Brandon Wylie, ECG; Mitch Headley, Headley Construction; Alexis Brooks, Newnan.

Chairman Jay Bartlett called the ECG April Meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting were presented.

On motion by Gary Youngblood and seconded by Mark Fitzpatrick, the Board approved the minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting as presented.

Financial Update

Sallie Coleman presented the financials through March 31, 2021. Sallie stated through March ECG had \$307,553 over-recovery. Sallie updated the Board on each service with details of their over/under recovery.

Summary Reports

Hosted Solutions:

- HiperWeb quote for City of Troy, Alabama
- Amending PDS Service contract for Alabama cities
- Adding Central Standard Time Server
- PSD development of HiperWeb billing software
- Completed projects: Sandersville (Electric Personnel Training), Sylvester (Code Enforcement Training), Successful integration of IUC/Hiperweb services for City of Statesboro

Economic & Community Development

- Active Projects: 31 Retail, 26 Industrial
- Property Submissions: 78 ECG, 47 non-ECG
- Prospect Visits: 7 ECG, 6 non-ECG
- ECG Technical Solutions: 331 Technical Solutions projects, 81% ECG members utilizing the service

- Grant Cagle, Manager, Industrial Project Management will be leading the Industrial Project Management team
- Newest Members of the EcCD Team: Colin Chance – Project Manager, Industrial Development; John VanBrunt – Manager, Community Development

Legislative Update – GA General Assembly 2021 Session

- SB 299 – Amendment of the Georgia Cogeneration and Distributed Generation Act of 2001 and Solar Power Free-Market Financing Act of 2015
 - Raise Residential from 10KW to 20KW
 - Raise Commercial from 100KW to 125% of peak demand
 - Increase Cap of solar capacity from 2% to 5% OF UTILITY'S ANNUAL PEAK
 - Mandate net metering
 - Allow tax exempt customers to aggregate their load with a solar developer
- HB 156 – reporting requirements for utilities to report cyber attacks to the director of emergency management and homeland security
- HR 185 – House Rural Development Council Right of Way Study Committee – actively participating in discussions

Engineering

- Covington considering re-joining EES
- Newest Engineering Employees – Harrison Lange, Engineer; John Nelson, Intern
- Tantalus conversion complete in Norcross
- Nighthawk AML deployed in Sylvania – mostly for remote-disconnect
- Current projects: Amazon DC Doraville (Norcross) – Complete, Publix Tucker (Norcross) underway, Palmetto Logistics Bldg. #3 temp service, Sandersville - IPM Crypto expansion and substation upgrade, Washington – WAHA Crypto expansion and substation upgrade, FVUC – new express feeder for Peach County High School

Pole Attachment Service

- Permits: 79 permits, 1677 poles, 19 cities
- 2020/2021 Annual Rent: \$3,461,666 (have not billed for Washington or Dalton Utilities)

Analytical Services

- Electric: Buford & Forsyth (rate design)
- Water/Sewer: Sylvester, Lyons, Forsyth (COS & rate design)
- Gas: Sylvester (COS & rate design)

Joint Purchasing

- Adding refurbished transformers to bid list
- Expanding JP by merging HiperWeb functions to assist with bids and costs needed to provide quotes for projects

Training & Safety

- PowerLine Schools Completed: Groundman School, Meterman Class 4B, Apprentice Class 60A, Advanced Lineworker Program M1, Overhead hotline School Class 3, Apprentice Class 58B, Florida Meterman Class 2B, Graduation Class 55
- PowerLine Schools Scheduled: Graoundman/Transformer (LEPA), Apprentice Class 56C, Advanced Lineworker Program M2, Florida Apprentice Class 5C
- Assisted Newnan Utilities with restoring power due to recent tornado
- Soft Skills Training: Utility Customer Service Training and Human Resource Series dates have been set
- Edge Program: Camilla Final Strategic Planning session scheduled for June 2021

Communications

- 2021 ECG directory has been distributed
- ECG Course Catalog is completed
- Intranet – working on cross functional communication within each department
- ECG will participate in the GMA Annual Meeting

Update on Member Visits Regarding the FY22 Preliminary Budget

John Giles gave a brief overview of the FY22 Preliminary Budget. John stated 38 of the 52 members have been visited. John reported positive feedback had been received regarding the new training facility. John will update the Board on the remaining member visits and will present the final FY22 Budget for approval.

MEAG Solar Project/Walmart Update

Walter West gave a brief update on the MEAG Solar Project/Walmart. Walter stated The Renewable Energy Customer Agreement (RECA) and the Tariff each City will adopt need to be executed. Next Friday, The RECA contracts will be presented to Walmart's committee that approves contracts and if Walmart is ready to move forward, Walmart will docu-sign all 17 documents representing the renewable credits.

Update of PSC/NOI Activities

Daryl Ingram gave a brief update on the PSC/NOI. Daryl stated an informal format workshop has been scheduled for May 5th and ECG will participate. Following the workshop, following the workshop, ECG will convene the Board Subcommittees (Legislative & Regulatory and Operations) to discuss this item and gain more feedback.

Other Business

Alexis Brooks, Newnan Utilities, thanked ECG staff for their assistance in helping restore power with the tornado that hit the City of Newnan.

Adjourn

With a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.