

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)  
Board Meeting  
July 11, 2021

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on July 11, 2021, beginning at 4:00 pm, at the Ritz Carlton Amelia Island, Amelia Island, Florida.

Board Members Present:

Lamar Hill  
Tim Houston  
Mark Fitzpatrick  
Jeff Lewis  
Craig Mims  
Chris White  
Gary Youngblood

Board Members Not Present:

Jay Bartlett  
Rod Prince

Others in Attendance: John Giles, Walter West, Daryl Ingram, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, Jason Johnson, Sheri Braddick, ECG; Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird; Larry Vickery, Calhoun; Ned Watson, Cathy Johnson, Fort Valley; Angela Redding, Monticello.

Vice Chairman Gary Youngblood called the ECG July Meeting to order.

*Approval of Minutes*

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The minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting were presented.

**On motion by Craig Mims and seconded by Lamar Hill, the Board approved the minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting as presented.**

*Financial Update*

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John presented the financials through May 31, 2021. John stated through May ECG had \$394,280 over-recovery.

*Summary Reports*

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*Hosted Solutions*

- RFP sent to City of Troy, Alabama
- Nationwide RFP from Hometown Connections Work and Asset Management/Mobile Workforce Solution
- 18-month "facelift project for Hiperweb Dashboards and system front end
- PSD Development of Hiperweb billing software

*Pole attachment service*

- Permits 2021: 127 permits, 2,394 poles, 22 cities
- Number of permits will continue to increase with Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)
  - Charter, Windstream received \$1.2B and \$522M respectively
- Upcoming inventories: Fairburn, Thomaston, Sylvania

- Invoicing 2021:
  - Non-Rental Revenue - \$574,721, Construction - \$273,450, Inventory - \$221,221, NJUNS Late Transfers - \$65,331, Other - \$14,719
- New PAS Members: Washington and Fitzgerald
- Agreement Negotiations:
  - Charter: Griffin, East Point, Monroe, Dalton
  - Snapping Shoals EMC
  - Georgia Public Web

#### *Analytical Services*

- Electric: Completed – Quitman (COS); In-Progress – Thomaston, Palmetto, Monticello, Barnesville, Hampton (COS), West Point (Rate Design)
- Water/Sewer: In-Progress – Monticello, Hampton (COS)

#### *Engineering & Energy Services*

- Assisting with Cryptocurrency Expansions
- Field Engineering Design
- Assisting with JU Safety Violation Corrections

#### *Joint Purchasing & Aggregated Services*

- Integrating Hiperweb functionality to assist with semi-annual bid process
- Expanding to accommodate bidding projects throughout the year
- September 2021 Bidding – Tree Trimming, Padmount Inspection and Pole Inspection
  - Award Term: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024

#### *Economic Development and Legislative*

- Active Projects: Retail 27, Industrial 26
- Property Submissions: 91 ECG, 69 non-ECG, Prospect Visits: ECG 8, non-ECG 6
- Technical Solutions: 413 Technical Solutions projects with 88% ECG members utilizing
- ECG/MEAG Power Economic Development Bus Tour scheduled for August 18-19, 2021 with destinations being Barnesville, Fort Valley, Forsyth, Hampton, Griffin, Thomaston and Jackson
- Save the Date: ECG Economic Development Summit – April 27-29, 2022
- GA General Assembly 2021 Session
  - Proposed 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 10 KW to 20 KW
    - Raise Commercial from 100 KW 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
- Georgia Public Service Commission
  - Notice of Intent (NOI) – Public comments on the Dispute Process for large-load customers pursuant to the Georgia Territorial Electric Services Act
    - May 5, 2021 – PSC Workshop was held
    - July 6, 2021 – responses filed from ECG, GPC, GEMC and GAM
    - August 6, 2021 – reply comments due
    - GPC – recommending greater clarity on destroy, dismantled and reconstructed; recommending promulgation of new rules
    - ECG & GEMC – recommending dispute process improvements
    - GAM – cautious – generally aligned with GPC

### *Training & Safety*

- Received contractual agreements from WAPA

### *Communications*

- ECG Intranet (ECGnet) rolled out to employees on July 2
  - Strengthen cross functional communication, convenient accessibility for documents/forms, member community to give you access to latest news/need to know information and ability to run reports, primary channel for internal communication
- 2021 Member Staff Directory completed and mailed to Members
- ECG Institute Course Catalog completed

### *Update on MEAG Solar Project / Walmart*

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Walter West gave a brief update to the Board regarding Walmart's corporate solar initiative. Walter stated seventeen (17) Members have Walmart facilities in their city. The Renewal Energy Customer Agreement (RECA) has been completed and waiting for Walmart to return back to the City. ECG will be available to help with any community with the contract and/or meetings.

### *Other Business*

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- ECG will be participating in the Georgia Municipal Association Convention and Expo.

### *Adjourn*

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With a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.