

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)
Board Meeting
October 13, 2021

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on October 13, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am, at the Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA.

Board Members Present:

Lamar Hill
Tim Houston
Jeff Lewis
Craig Mims
Jay Bartlett

Board Members Not Present:

Chris White
Mark Fitzpatrick
Gary Youngblood

Others in Attendance: John Giles, Walter West, Sheri Braddick, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, Sallie Coleman, Jon Beasley, Greg Philips, Brandon Wylie, Michelle Weekley, Brian Jaynes, Nick Foshee, Shannon Compton, ECG; Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird; David Ross, Acworth; Mary Singleton, Albany; James Jenkin, Cairo; Michael Ivey, Crisp County; Ron Mull, Ernie Garcia, Eric Patten, Marietta.

Chairman Jay Bartlett called the ECG October Meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting were presented.

On motion by Craig Mims and seconded by Lamar Hill, the Board approved the minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting as presented.

Summary Reports

Joint Use Inventory

- Nick Foshee is responsible for the Joint Use inventory
- GOS Field Data Collection Application – Stephen Reynolds created an app to make the inventory easier
- Field Data Collection – Preston Howell and Len Mock are working on collecting data
- Sylvania Inventory:
 - Field work began on September 23
 - As of 10/8/21 – 2566 poles have been counted
 - Safety Violations as of 10/8/21 – 37 Comcast; 29 Windstream
- Estimated completion of field work: 10/15/21
- Next Steps: Review and complete field data, Update NJUNS tickets, notify attachers to correct obvious safety violations, issue updated attachment invoices, issue invoices to attachers for their share of the inventory cost

Analytical Services

- Electric: Completed – Hampton (rate design); In-Progress: Acworth, Norcross (reassess rate design), Cartersville (rate design), College Park (demand billing issue), East Point, Lawrenceville, Monticello (COS & rate)

Discussion of Gresco Patronage Credits

John Giles gave a brief overview of the history of Gresco and the Gresco Patronage credits. ECG became a member of Gresco in 2002. John stated in 2009 the ECG Board took action to refund the Gresco patronage credits to the members with the refund subject to an administrative fee of \$250 per member. John also stated the patronage credits does not constitute net non-participant revenues under Article III of the Participant Contracts and does not have to be returned to the Participants to repay the Contract payments. The 2021 Patronage Credit is \$112,461. John asked the Board to consider using a portion of the patronage credits to help offset the ECG Annual Meeting unbudgeted expenses (maximum \$25,000) and the remainder of the credits to be placed in an ECG Building Reserve Fund. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Discussion of Training Facilities at Newnan and Adel

John Giles discussed with the Board the establishment of the ECG Board approved Building Reserve Fund (BRF). The funds will be 100% controlled by the Board regarding the new ECG Utility Training facility as well as upgrades for the current Newnan and Adel training centers. This BRF was not budgeted and ECG will be looking for options on how to fund the BRF. ECG will look in early 2022 at the Year-end Settlement as well as the Gresco Patronage credits to fund the BRF as well as the Training & Safety non-members net revenues.

John also updated the Board on the Newnan Project at 70 Ellen Sims Court. John stated the 11 acres will need to be cleared, graded and a buffer and retention pond built in preparation for the metal facility. John stated the potential training center has been revised to be around 6,000 square feet. The next steps will be to acquire Board approval to spend \$110,000 from the BRF to prepare for the new training facility.

John gave an update on the potential upgrades to the existing Newnan and Adel Training facilities.

- Newnan – reconstruct the Newnan facility to extend exterior walls, install hvac, and flooring to allow for proper student distancing larger class sizes.
 - Estimated cost for the upgrades to the Newnan Training Facility is around \$25,000 and will be funded from the existing T&S Reserve Fund. The balance in the T&S Reserve Fund is \$41,000.
- Adel – clear the additional two (2) acres for distribution span needs and repair the walkway steps (handicap ramp)
 - Estimated cost for the upgrades to the Jeff Cook Training Center is around \$25,000 and will be partially funded from the remaining T&S Reserve Fund.

Adjourn

With a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.