

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)
Board Meeting
March 29, 2022

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on March 29, 2022, beginning at 9:00 am, at the Courtyard by Marriott Thomasville Downtown, Thomasville, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

Lamar Hill
Jay Bartlett
Tim Houston
Gary Youngblood
Jeff Lewis
Craig Mims
Chris White

Board Members Not Present:

Rod Prince

Others in Attendance: John Giles, Sallie Coleman, Sheri Braddick, Walter West, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, Brian Jaynes, Katrina Bond, Chau Nguyen, Nick Foshee, Jon Beasley, ECG; Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird; John Dooley, Derek Hampton, Cartersville; Eric Patten, Ron Mull, Ernie Garcia, Marietta; Matthew Chancey, Stuart Jones, MEAG; Brian Thompson, Monroe.

Chairman Jay Bartlett called the ECG March Meeting to order.

Revision to the Agenda

Item No. 5 – Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Assumptions was removed from the agenda.

Special Election

Mr. Giles announced that Mark Fitzpatrick resigned from his seat on the board for personal reasons. A brief discussion was had respecting the remaining board member's desires to hold a special election to fill that seat. Peter Floyd explained that the ECG bylaws provide that a special election may be called by any eight Members at any time that any Board position is vacant and that since each board member represents a Member that they could act to call the special election, however since only seven board members were present representing seven Members that at least one additional Member would have to also call for the election. Brian Thompson was present from the City of Monroe and expressed his willingness to call for a special election to reach the eight Member minimum. The seven board members and Mr. Thompson then jointly called for a special election to fill the vacant seat on behalf of the respective Members they each represent. Mr. Giles then stated that he would proceed with preparing notices and managing the election process using the same process as is used for a regular election.

On motion by Jeff Lewis and seconded by Gary Youngblood, the Board approved conducting a special election to fill the open seat previously held by Mark Fitzpatrick.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 7, 2021, were presented.

On motion by Gary Youngblood and seconded by Lamar Hill, the Board approved the minutes from the December 7, 2021, meeting as presented.

Financial Update

Sallie Coleman presented the financials through February 28, 2022. Sallie stated through February ECG had \$103,937 over-recovery. Sallie updated the Board on each service with details of their over/under recovery.

Summary Reports

Hosted Solutions

- Outreach project to all HS Members
- City of Troy, Alabama is underway
- CST server is up and running
- Cartersville Parks & Rec is adding CIS

Customer Choice

- Cryptocurrency projects are still active – increased challenges with market energy uncertainty

Aggregated Services

- All bids completed for 2022 – 2024
- Focusing on cities not in the service

Joint Purchasing

- Currently bidding a 3-month cycle until supply/demand level out
- Next bid will be in place April 1, 2022

Pole Attachment Service

- Annual rent billed 2021/2022 - \$3.4M
- 2022 Permitting – 30 permits (1231 poles – 1 permit with 952 poles)
- Still completing work from 2021
- Ongoing contract negotiation with Carter, AT&T and Windstream
- 2022 NJUNS tickets – 468 tickets created/updated

Cost of Service

- Electric – in-progress: Cartersville, Griffin (multi-year rate plan); Lawrenceville, Barnesville (COS & Rate); Covington, East Point (COS); Norcross (reassess rate plan)
- Water/Sewer – in-progress: Hogansville, Thomasville (COS)
- Monthly Bills and Metering
 - ECG directly bills: ~300 bills per month on behalf of members; ~\$88,000,000 in annual revenues
- ECG AMI Meters:
 - Total load 154,000 kW; 102 meters and growing
 - Managing AMI meters are time-intensive

Economic Development

- Active projects: 26 retail, 58 industrial
- Property Submissions: 84 ECG, 91 nonECG; Prospect Visits: 21 ECG, 13 nonECG
- Community Development
 - DCA's Rural Zone Designation Assistance – 4 ECG communities potentially submitting applications for the designation in Mid-August

- Facilitations: East Point – continuing GICH (GA Initiative for Community Housing), Covington – Upcoming facilitation (Downtown Development Authority, Redevelopment Authority & Covington Housing Authority)
- ECG Technical Solutions: 131 Technical Solutions Projects, 66% ECG members utilizing, Top 3 Members utilizing: Acworth, Albany, Washington

Engineering & Energy Services

- Territorial maps are complete
- Block stream in Fitzgerald is the expansion of the Adel cryptocurrency project in Adel, is ready for energizing.
- Sandersville cryptocurrency temporary site, 16MW, went on-line earlier this month
- Sylvania – 80MW, possibly a cryptocurrency site
- Completed converting Newnan into Milsoft

Training & Safety

- Very active with training classes
- Reviewed Progression Chart for the Powerline School
- Soft Skills Training – Utility Customer Service Training – Newnan Utilities Commission with onsite training
- Edge Program – Camilla will receive the Edge Award in April during the Ed Summit; Sylvester – Board Series completed, Practitioner Series in progress

Communications

- 2022 Member Directory completed and ready for distribution
- Salary Survey from members is underway

Other Business

No items were brought before the board for discussion.

Adjourn

With a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.