

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)  
Board Meeting  
December 6, 2022

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on December 6, 2022, beginning at 9:00 AM, at the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Greensboro, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

Chris White  
Rod Prince  
Tim Houston  
Gary Youngblood  
Jeff Lewis  
Lamar Hill  
Jay Bartlett

Board Members Not Present:

Autron Hayes

Others in Attendance: Walter West, Daryl Ingram, Sallie Coleman, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, Nick Foshee, Alicia Smith, Chau Nguyen, Jon Beasley, Sheri Braddick, Cindy Smallwood, Sarah Leonard, John VanBrunt, Brian Jaynes, Michelle Holbrook, Michelle Weekley, ECG; Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird; Angie Luna, James Albright, Acworth; Corry Marshall, APPA; Travis Wimbush, Blakely; Larry Vickery, Calhoun; John Dooley, Cartersville; Hugh Richardson, College Park; Becky Fitzgibbons, Blake Manning, Chris Hewitt, Crisp County Power Commission; Darrel West, Robert John, Fort Valley; Terrell Jacobs, GMA; Huston Gillis, Lawrenceville; Jim Fuller, David Weekley, Stuart Jones, Roger Brand, Steve Jackson, MEAG; LaThaydra Sands, Monticello; Judy McCorkle, Bryan Long, Tom Berry, Sandersville; Harold Proctor, Sylvester; .

Chairman Jay Bartlett called the ECG December Meeting to order.

*Approval of Minutes*

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The minutes from the October 20, 2022, and November 29, 2022, were presented.

**On motion by Lamar Hill and seconded by Rod Prince, the Board approved the minutes from the October 20, 2022, and November 29, 2022, meetings as presented.**

*Presentation of Election Results*

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Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird, stated the election for the three (3) seats was conducted in accordance with the ECG Bylaws, and past practices. After notice to members and receipt of nominees, ballots were distributed and received by ECG's auditing firm, Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC. The results of the election are Rod Prince, City of Cairo, Derek Hampton, City of Cartersville, and Huston Gillis, City of Lawrenceville. These seats will be for a three (3) year term. No action by the Board is required.

*Adjourn*

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**On motion by Jeff Lewis and seconded by Tim Houston, the Board adjourned the December 6, 2022, Board Meeting.**

## 2022 – 2023 ECG Board Convenes

Chairman Gary Youngblood called the ECG December Meeting to order.

Chairman Youngblood thanked Jay Bartlett for his service serving on the ECG Board of Directors. Mr. Youngblood welcomed Huston Gillis and Derek Hampton to the Board of Directors.

### *Election of Officers*

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Gary Youngblood asked the Board for nominations individually for the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer. Gary Youngblood was nominated as Chairman, Jeff Lewis, Vice Chairman, and Rod Prince Secretary Treasurer.

**On motion by Chris White and seconded by Tim Houston, the Board approved Gary Youngblood, Chairman, Jeff Lewis, Vice Chairman, and Rod Prince, Secretary-Treasurer.**

### *Update PEP Board Members*

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Walter West gave a brief update on the PEP Board Members and asked the Board to appoint its three PEP board of director members by office in lieu of individual name. The individuals serving will be ECG's Chairman, Vice Chairman, and President and Chief Executive officer.

**On motion by Jeff Lewis and seconded by Tim Houston, the Board approved to have the three Pep board of director members by office in lieu of individual name. The individuals serving will be ECG's Board Chairman, Vice Chairman and President and Chief Executive Officer.**

### *Approval of the Newnan land Sale Proceeds to be Placed in the Board Restricted Reserve Fund*

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Walter West gave a brief update on the Newnan land sale. Walter stated the net proceeds from the land sale totaled \$465,622.63. Mr. West asked the Board to have the proceeds from the land sale to be placed in the Board Restricted Reserve Fund.

**On motion by Tim Houston and seconded by Lamar Hill, the Board approved to have the net proceeds from the land sale totaling \$465,622.63 be placed in the Board Restricted Reserve Fund.**

### *Approval of the Gresco Patronage Credits to be Placed in the Board Restricted Reserve Fund*

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Walter West informed the Board the 2022 Gresco Patronage Credits totaled \$257,100. From the total Gresco Patronage Credits, Mr. West asked the Board to consider allocating up to \$35,000 to help fund the ECG Annual Meeting. Mr. West recommended the remaining net proceeds of \$222,100 to be placed in the Board Restricted Reserve Fund.

**On motion by Jeff Lewis and seconded by Lamar Hill, the Board approved to allocate up to \$35,000 from the Gresco Patronage Funds to help fund the ECG Annual Meeting with the remaining \$222,100 be placed in the Board Restricted Reserve Fund.**

### *Financial Update*

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Sallie Coleman reported through October 31, 2022, the over-recovery was \$400K. Sallie updated the Board with detail of over/under recovery for each service.

## *Staff Summary Reports*

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### *Hosted Solutions*

- Member Support
  - HS Visits – Albany, Norcross
  - Configuration meetings (via Zoom) – Troy, Albany
  - Norcross Inventory – warehouse & bin data restructuring
  - Installations still in progress – Albany inventory, Barcode System/Telecom inventory; Cartersville Vehicle/Fleet maintenance and inventory
- Member Outreach & Support Initiative – As of 12/1/22 Hosted Solutions has: 3,195 individual users (from 53 municipalities with electric, gas or city-wide usage) using the Hiperweb system. Hosted Solutions has incorporated a CRM system to log and audit system requests from members and route their needs to the appropriate support teams.

### *Economic & Community Development*

- ECG Communities: FY22 – 26.40% of total Statewide Project announcements
- Statewide Industrial Development: GA's Energy Cities – 27 electric, 41 gas, 25 electric & gas
- Project Activity (July 22 – Oct 22) – Active Projects: Retail 17, Industrial 22; Property Submissions: ECG 19 – non-ECG 16; Community Touchpoints - 142
- ECG Technical Solutions – 62 Technical Solutions Projects, 53% ECG Members Utilizing
- The Georgia Energy Symposium is scheduled for December 15-16, 2022. ECG, Georgia EMC, and Georgia Power are sponsoring the symposium.

### *Legislative & Regulatory Update*

- SR 463 Joint Study Committee on the Electrification of Transportation

### *Analytical Services*

- COS Electric Completed – Griffin (COS & Rate), Mansfield (Rate)
- Water/Sewer Completed – Ellaville (COS), Grantville (COS & Rate), Thomasville (COS)
- Benchmark – 23 members participating

### *Pole Attachment Service*

- 2022 Permitting – 163 Permits – 2850 poles

### *Engineering and Energy Services*

- Cryptocurrency Projects – Texas group expansion in East Point, 14MW – under construction
- Commercial/Institutional Projects – Lawrenceville (hospital expansion; adding seven 2500 kVA transformers, relocating five transformers) – under construction
- USPS Sorting Center project, 12 MW connected – under construction
- ECG Metering – 173 meters installed; reviewing policy and procedures
- Uptick in power quality and energy audit studies

### *Training and Safety*

- Chance Reed started work as ECG's newest Training & Safety Specialist

### *Communications*

- Foreman & Supervisor Conference has been rescheduled to March 8-10, 2023
- ECG is in the process of updating the 2023 ECG Member Staff Directory

### *Other Business*

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No items were brought before the board for discussion.

### *Adjourn*

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On motion by Rod Prince and seconded by Chris White, the Board adjourned the December 2022-23 meeting.