

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)
Board Meeting
July 17, 2022

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on July 17, 2022, beginning at 4:00 pm, at the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island, Amelia Island, Florida.

Board Members Present:

Lamar Hill
Chris White
Tim Houston
Gary Youngblood
Jeff Lewis
Craig Mims
Autron Hayes

Board Members Not Present:

Rod Prince
Jay Bartlett

Others in Attendance: John Giles, Sallie Coleman, Walter West, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, Daryl Ingram, ECG; Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird; Michael Ivey, Crisp County.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 8, 2022, were presented.

On motion by Chris White and seconded by Craig Mims, the Board approved the minutes from the June 8, 2022, meeting as presented.

Financial Update

Sallie Coleman stated that through May 31, 2022, the over-recovery was \$150k. There were a few shifts between cost centers, and a few cost centers are under-recovered, but overall, the members should see an over-recovery.

Staff Summary Reports

Hosted Solutions

- Training completed for Cartersville Parks & Recreation, Troy, Hampton and Fort Valley
- HS Visits – West Point, Covington, Albany, Cartersville, Troy, Hampton, Fort Valley and Cairo
- Conferences attended: Pipeline Safety Seminar, E&O Conference, and GMA Annual Conference

Analytical Services

- Hourly Market Prices – substantial increase from 2020 to present
- Many Cryptocurrency Customers are curtailing, reducing load and/or pausing plans for new facilities or expansions
- COS
 - Electric – Completed: Cartersville (rate); in progress: Washington, Lawrenceville (COS & Rate), Monticello, Griffin (Rate), Covington (COS)
 - Water/Sewer – Completed: Hogansville (COS & Rate); in progress: Grantville (COS & Rate), Thomasville, Ellaville (COS), Monticello (Rate)

- Benchmark – 25 members participating

Joint Purchasing

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

Pole Attachment Service

- 2022 Make Ready Construction - \$94K
- 2022 Permitting – 103 Permits – 2,139 poles
- Ongoing Contract Negotiations – AT&T (Troy Alabama), Windstream
- 2022 NJUNS Tickets: 1,427 tickets created/updated

Engineering & Energy Services

- Continuing to provide updated territorial maps
- ECG metering growing – 151 meters installed; should increase to 190 in the coming months
- Supply chain issues continue, working with Members with surplus equipment and working with suppliers for delivery dates

Economic & Community Development

- Project Activity (July 21 – June 22) – Active Projects: Retail 18, Industrial 42; Property Submissions: ECG 114 – non-ECG 132; Prospect Visits: ECG 23 – non-ECG 19
- ECA's Rural Zone Designation Assistance – 3 ECG communities potentially submitting applications for the designation in Mid-August
- Edge Development – Sylvester
 - Completed Elected Official Training and Staff Training
 - Strategic Planning scheduled for August 2022
- ECG Technical Solutions – 190 Technical Solutions Projects, 75% ECG Members Utilizing

Legislative & Regulatory Update

- SR 463 Joint Study Committee on the Electrification of Transportation
 - Bill providing a study committee to look into the need for EV charging stations around the state to address “range anxiety” by electric vehicle owners
 - Senate Members Appointed, House Members Not Appointed at this time
- Solar/Distributed Generation Bills – 2021 – 2022 Introduced and Failed
 - SB 299, HB 1083, HB 1491, SB 583

Communications

- APPA Business & Financial Conference – September 18-21, Savannah, Chau Nguyen will be speaking
- Member Relations continuing through GMA Annual Conference, FMEA Annual Meeting, ECG 101 with new City Managers

Training & Safety

- New Powerline School Class – Foreman Development Series
- Graduating the first USVI WAPA apprentices – 30 linemen have completed all DOL requirements, included in the graduating class will be the first female

Request Approval on Funding Requirements Related to FY22 Budgeted Pension Plan and 401K Plan Modifications

John Giles informed the Board that ECG has been notified that the 401K Plan Modifications recently approved by the Board for the employees, also require ECG to go back retroactively to January 1, 2022 (ECG is on a calendar year for the 401K Plan) and make any applicable ECG contributions up to the new 6% Plan Funding requirements. This retroactive funding is around \$37,000. John asked the Board to consider approving the

\$43,700 that was budgeted and collected during the FY22 billing process to fund the pension plan, (which we have been advised is not required) now be applied to fund the retroactive 401K Plan contributions with the remaining balance be applied to the Year End Settlement.

On motion by Jeff Lewis and seconded by Tim Houston, the Board approved using the \$43,700 that was budgeted and collected during the FY22 billing process to be applied to fund the retroactive 401K Plan contributions with the remaining balance be applied to the Year End Settlement.

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Applied Rates

John Giles has the Board to consider approving the hourly rate of \$300 for Non-Subscribed Services and ECG Employee Benefit Rate for Mutual Assistance be 40%.

On motion by Craig Mims and seconded by Lamar Hill, the Board approved the FY23 hourly rate for approved Other Services request of \$300 per hour and the 40% ECG Staff mutual Aid Rate for Benefits.

Other Business

No items were brought before the board for discussion.

Executive Session

On motion by Lamar Hill and seconded by Craig Mims, the Board approved adjourning to Executive Session.

Adjourn

With a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.