

Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG)
Board Meeting
October 20, 2022

A meeting of the Electric Cities of Georgia was held on October 20, 2022, beginning at 12:00 pm, at the West Point Depot, West Point, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

Chris White
Rod Prince
Tim Houston
Gary Youngblood
Jeff Lewis

Board Members Not Present:

Craig Mims
Jay Bartlett
Autron Hayes
Lamar Hill

Others in Attendance: Walter West, Daryl Ingram, Sallie Coleman, Sabrina Milner, Rita Hillhouse, Nick Foshee, ECG; Peter Floyd, Alston & Bird; Angie Luna, Diana DeSanto, Acworth; Joel Smith, Covington; Stuart Jones, John Farrow, David Paliotta, MEAG; Ginni Harris, Nichols, Cauley & Associates; Sammy Inman, West Point.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 17, 2022, and August 18, 2022, were presented.

On motion by Tim Houston and seconded by Jeff Lewis, the Board approved the minutes from the July 17, 2022, and August 18, 2022, meeting as presented.

Approval of the FY22 Audit

Ginni Harris, Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC presented the FY22 ECG Audit. Ms. Harris noted that the audit has been completed according to the Government Auditing Standards and been given a clean opinion. There were no instances of significant deficiencies or material weakness in the internal accounting controls used by ECG and staff and no instances with non-compliance of laws or regulations.

On motion from Rod Prince and seconded by Chris White, the Board approved the FY22 ECG Audit as presented.

Approval of the FY22 Year-end Settlement

Sallie Coleman presented to the Board the FY22 Year-End Settlement. Sallie stated that ECG had a net Year-End Settlement of \$109,647. All services were over-collected with the exception of Engineering & Energy Services, Joint Purchasing, Pole Attachment Service, Legislative Monitoring and Grid IQ. Sallie stated a form will be sent to members with three options to choose to receive the FY22 YES: 1) Education, Training & Development Fund (specific to your utility), 2) refunding the entire portion back to the Member or 3) refunded via credit on ECG Bill.

On motion Tim Houston and seconded by Jeff Lewis, The Board approved the FY22 Year-End Settlement as presented giving Members receiving the YES the option to choose 1) deposit funds into a Participant-specific Education, Training and Development Fund, 2) refund the entire portion back to the Participant via check or 3) refunded via credit on ECG bill.

Approval of the Contract Payment Repayment

Sallie Coleman presented the net 3rd party revenues for FY22. Sallie gave a brief overview of the process of how the contract payment will be paid back to ECG members. Sallie stated \$73,441 will be disbursed to members according to their initial contribution to the Contract Payment when ECG spun off from MEAG in 2009.

On motion from Rod Prince and seconded by Tim Houston, the Board approved the FY22 ECG Contract Payment as presented.

Staff Summary Reports

Financials

- Through August 31, 2022, the over-recovery was \$196K. Sallie updated the Board on each service with details of their over/under recovery.

Hosted Solutions

- Completed training – Monroe Water/Sewer Distribution, Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment
- City of Troy – installed Citi 311 App
- Attended the HCI Annual Conference, and the GUTA Gas Conference; Tina Bridges conducted a HiperWeb presentation and Users' Class on Recordkeeping and Compliance Use

Economic & Community Development

- Project Activity (July 22 – Sep 22) – Active Projects: Retail 17, Industrial 22; Property Submissions: ECG 10 – non-ECG 18; Prospect Visits: ECG 22 – non-ECG 16
- Community Development
 - ECG/MEAG Power Economic Development Bus Tour – Members participating: Commerce, Covington, Mansfield, Monroe, Monticello, Sandersville, Sylvania, & Washington
 - Edge Development – Sylvester: completed Elected Official Training and Staff Training; Strategic Planning – August-November 2022
- ECG Technical Solutions – 62 Technical Solutions Projects, 53% ECG Members Utilizing

Legislative & Regulatory Update

- SR 463 Joint Study Committee on the Electrification of Transportation

Analytical Services

- COS Electric Completed – Lawrenceville (COS & Rate), Covington (COS)
- Benchmark – 23 members participating

Aggregated Services

- All bids completed for 2022-2024
- Focusing on cities feedback from annual review visits

Joint Purchasing

- Currently bidding a 3-month cycle until supply/demand level out
- Next bid will be October 2022

Pole Attachment Service

- 2022 invoicing - \$303K
- 2022 Permitting – 142 Permits – 2,226 poles
- Ongoing Contract Negotiations – AT&T (Troy Alabama), Windstream
- 2022 NJUNS Tickets: 879 tickets created/updated
- Field Inventory Services – Norcross (nearly complete); Forsyth (beginning November/December)

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 – 151 meters installed; reviewing policy and procedures
- Uptick in power quality and energy audit studies

Training Facilities Sustainability Committee Approval

Walter West presented the need for a Training Facilities Sustainability Committee. Walter stated Jon Beasley reached out to members in different areas of the state asking if they would be interested in serving on the committee. The members agreeing to serve on the committee are Brett Sane, Calhoun, Steve Gaines, Norcross, Alexis Brooks, Newnan, Blake Manning, Crisp County, and Brent Alderman, Thomasville. With assistance from ECG staff, the committee will provide member recommendations to the Board for ensuring the long-term sustainability of the training facilities. The Board does not extend any authority to the committee.

On motion by Rod Prince and seconded by Chris White, the Board approved the Training Facilities Sustainability Committee.

AMI Meter Order Ratification

Walter West gave a brief background summary regarding the AMI members. Walter stated ECG is providing AMI meters for those unique customers where ECG needs to provide data or billing with an immediate turnaround. The meters are unbudgeted but reimbursed by the members as deployed. ECG anticipates the need based on current supply chain shortage along with the current meter needs. As part of strategic planning, staff is reviewing the scope of the AMI service including related policies to mitigate risk related to the service.

Mr. West requested the Board to ratify and formally approve payment to TESCO for \$25,758.78 for 68 AMI meters and freight. TESCO did not charge sales tax so ECG will remit \$1,936.42 to the State and add the tax to the price ECG will charge the members for the meters.

On motion by Jeff Lewis and seconded by Chris White, the Board approved ratifying the payment to TESCO for the AMI meters and freight.

Other Business

Walter West informed the Board the purchaser of the Newnan property has requested a written resolution (attached to the official minutes) stating the ECG Board of Directors approve of the agreement and the transaction of the sale. The Board authorized the Interim President and CEO to execute the documents necessary to finalize the sale of the property in Newnan.

On motion by Rod Prince and seconded by Chris White, the Board approved the resolution stating the Interim President and CEO has authority to execute the documents necessary to finalize the sale of the property in Newnan.

Adjourn

With a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.