

WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 24, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, conducted via video teleconference, was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by President Barry Bernstein with the following board members present:

Barry Bernstein	Steve Knowlton
Roger Fox	Anne Reed
Steven Farnham	Mary Just Skinner

Guest Sue Minter, Executive Director from Capstone Community Action Agency joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m., Director Jean Hamilton joined at 4:21 p.m., Director Don Douglas joined at 4:26 p.m., and Director Richard Rubin joined at 4:40 p.m. Also present were General Manager Patty Richards; Attorney Ron Shems of the law firm Tarrant, Gillies, Richardson, & Shems, the Cooperative's legal counsel; Director of Finance & Administration (F&A) Cheryl Willette; Director of Engineering and Operations (E&O) Dan Weston, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson. Ms. Minter left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda included the minutes of the May 27, 2020 regular Board meeting and the May 2020 write-offs.

There being no corrections or comments, President Bernstein declared the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 27, 2020, approved.

PRESENTATION FROM SUE MINTER OF CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

General Manager Richards introduced Ms. Minter to the board and WEC staff. Ms. Minter reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the group that described Capstone's weatherization programs and the relevant WEC member data. There was a brief discussion concerning the current and future program collaboration between WEC and Capstone, and initiatives to address impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION & TRAINING

General Manager Richards reviewed the January 8, 2020 board meeting discussion regarding the purpose and role of the board and the changes that have resulted from that discussion. Ms. Richards also provided an overview of the information she had received from NRECA concerning governance training. The discussion following the overview included the format and attendees of a future training. Further discussion will be slated on the agenda at upcoming board meetings.

COVENTRY PLANT STAFFING INCREASE

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for a third operator at the Coventry generation plant. Director of E&O Weston provided an overview of the cost and benefits of having a third operator. The benefits include avoiding plant downtime, and a reduction in duration when downtime

does occur. Mr. Weston projects the third operator will result in increased annual net production, plus reduced operator overtime and stress.

A motion was made by Director Rubin to approve 50% funding of the fully loaded cost for Aria Energy to add a third Operator at the Coventry generation plant commencing August 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Farnham. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

VISION PLAN STATEMENT

President Bernstein noted that the Vision Planning Committee would reconvene and prepare information for the board to review at the July 2020 board meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT Q&A

There was brief discussion regarding PUC approval of the 5.95% rate increase, which allows implementation of the new rate design. The July 15, 2020 billing cycle will reflect the first phase of the rate design. Information for members will be published in the June edition of Co-op Currents.

General Manager Richards provided a brief overview regarding the protocol employees adhere to so they can return to work fulltime. The WEC office is now open to the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Members and visitors must wear masks.

Director of F&A Willette reviewed her involvement and the status of the low-income program and the time of use (TOU) and electrical vehicle rate program development being ordered by the PUC. Ms. Willette noted that WEC's current AMI system may not be suitable for TOU rates. WEC is required to report the steps developed for a TOU rate program by December 2020.

Other topics discussed included Member Service Dept. staffing, bill arrearage subsidies, the load control pilot program, and a proposed NRECA climate change resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 5:44 p.m. to discuss the status of broadband service development efforts. The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:05 p.m.

As there was no further essential business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



M. Anne Reed, Secretary

The foregoing record of the minutes was duly accepted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on July 29, 2020, at which meeting a quorum of the Board was present and voting.



M. Anne Reed, Secretary