

WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 29, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, conducted via video teleconference, was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by President Barry Bernstein with the following board members present:

Barry Bernstein	Roger Fox	Anne Reed
Donald Douglas	Jean Hamilton	Richard Rubin
Steven Farnham	Steve Knowlton	Mary Just Skinner

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, Director of Members and Marketing Bill Powell, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson. Guests Aaron Bennett and Kevin Fitzgibbons of National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Fitzgibbons left at 6:19 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING BEST PRACTICES

Administrative Assistant Johnson provided an overview of the presentation material provided to the board in the July board meeting packet. The presentation described tips and tools to prepare, participate and provide feedback concerning virtual meetings. Feedback comments, questions and concerns were welcomed after this meeting and all future meetings to President Bernstein, General Manager Richards, and Ms. Johnson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 4:19 p.m. to discuss the status of broadband service development efforts with Aaron Bennett and Kevin Fitzgibbons of NRTC. The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda included the minutes of the June 24, 2020 regular Board meeting.

There being no corrections or comments, President Bernstein declared the minutes of the regular board meeting held June 24, 2020, approved.

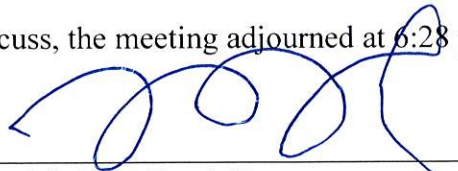
MANAGER'S REPORT Q&A

Director of F&A Willette, General Manager Richards and Legal Counsel Shems provided a brief overview regarding the Public Utility Commission's (PUC) consideration of a low-income assistance program and the time of use (TOU) and electrical vehicle rate programs

Director of E&O Weston provided an update regarding the decrease in outages compared to the past year. He also provided details concerning a planned outage scheduled for the South Walden substation July 31.

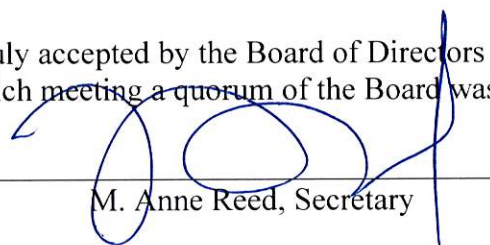
There was a brief discussion concerning the PUC's revision to Rule 3.700 on pole attachments. Ms. Willette noted that the decrease in pole attachment rates had been estimated for the 2020 budget year so the rule would not have a large impact on the budget.

As there was no further essential business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 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 August 26, 2020, at which meeting a quorum of the Board was present and voting.



M. Anne Reed, Secretary