

## RECC Regular Board Meeting October 27, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. was held at the cooperative headquarters on October 27, 2015, at 7 p.m., with all members present. Also present were President/CEO David Stuva; Manager of Finance & Administration Matt Sheerin; Manager of Member and Public Relations Dana Smith; Purchasing, Design & Construction Technician Martin Hinton; AMI/Billing Analyst Becky Grossner; Executive Assistant Sandy Lex; Network Administrator Brandon Taylor; and Attorney Jerry Tice. Also present were Don Wood, Sr. Vice President of Government Relations, and Nick Reitz, Manager of Government Relations, both with the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC).



\* The minutes of the September 22 regular Board meeting were approved as presented.

\* CEO Stuva introduced Don Wood and Nick Reitz from the AIEC, who along with staff reviewed the status of the State of Illinois budget impasse which has resulted overdue electric bills on 24 accounts in RECC's area. Don Wood pointed out that these accounts should be paid when a budget agreement is made, and many are for vital safety or public service functions. The Board directed CEO Stuva to send letters to local legislators and Governor Rauner expressing the co-ops concern over the delay in payments and the potential for disconnections if outstanding balances continue to mount.

\* CEO Stuva and Martin Hinton reviewed the proposed renewal of the Service and Maintenance Agreement for the cooperative's GobNob wind turbine with EWT, the manufacturer.

\* There was no IMEA Report since there had not been an IMEA Board Meeting held since the last RECC Board meeting.

\* Chairman Ayers presented the AIEC report and he reviewed the Executive Summary of the October 15 AIEC Board meeting.

\* There was no Attorneys Report.

### **President/CEO's Report**

CEO Stuva reviewed the following reports which had either been mailed or distributed to all directors and attorney: Job Training and Safety, Meters and Outages, Operations and Maintenance, Engineering and Construction, Member and Public Relations, Cash Flow, Cash Disbursements Summary, and Check Listing. The financial and statistical reports for September 2015 were reviewed and accepted for placement in the cooperative's files.

CEO Stuva also:

\* Reported on a poletop fire in front of the Pioneer seed processing plant along I-55, which resulted in a stretch of the Interstate being closed down temporarily because of the potential for power lines across the highway to fall on the road. Stuva said RECC is requesting permission from the state to bury the three-phase line across the Interstate for improved safety and reliability.

- \* Reviewed the progress of the bathroom remodeling project at the co-op office.
- \* Reviewed plans for upcoming meetings and classes.

### **Board Action**

The Board acted on the following:

- \* In executive session, discussed and approved wage and salary adjustments for RECC employees.
- \* Approved the application for, or reinstatement of, membership and electric service for 20 persons.
- \* Approved the proposed renewal of the EWT Service and Maintenance Agreement for a three-year term.
- \* Approved adjustments in the attorney's retainer and hourly rate fees.
- \* Appointed Lou Weitekamp as Voting Delegate for upcoming statewide insurance group meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.