

## **RECC Regular Board Meeting March 23, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. was held March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., and was conducted by video teleconferencing due to Executive Orders issued by the governor of Illinois. All members were present. Also present by telecommunications were President/CEO David Stuva; Manager of Finance & Administration Aubrie Megginson; Manager of Member Services Jeff Lancaster; Manager of Operations & Maintenance Tim Hemberger; Member Services Liaison Sandy Lex; Network Administrator Brandon Taylor; Attorneys Jerry Tice, Steve Courtney, and Devin Vaughn.

- The minutes of the February 23 Regular Board meetings were approved.
- President/CEO Stuva reported that the Village of Divernon's Board of Trustees approved a new 10-year franchise and recommended RECC Board approval.
- CEO Stuva and staff reviewed the 2020 Form 7, Financial and Statistical Report.
- President/CEO Stuva reviewed the Nominating Committee Report and noted that Directors Andy Goleman, Lou Weitekamp, and Cassie Eigenmann were the candidates selected to be placed on the ballot in districts 7, 8, and 9.
- CEO Stuva explained that eligible candidates can also be placed on the ballot by submitting a 15-signature petition to the Cooperative by May 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
- Manager of Member Services Jeff Lancaster reviewed the timeline for director candidates to file petitions and CEO Stuva discussed the need for revisions.
- CEO Stuva reviewed plans for conducting RECC's annual meeting at Knight's Action Park's Rt. 66 Drive-In, while Lancaster described the procedures needed to comply with Covid-19 restrictions and RECC Bylaw requirements.
- Director Weitekamp announced that he plans to serve the full three-year term if re-elected, but may need to attend select board meetings by teleconferencing.

### **Attorneys' Report**

Attorney Jerry Tice noted that the Executive Committee met on March 9, 2021 to consider bylaw changes and reviewed Article 8 of the current bylaws, entitled "Disposition of Property/Mortgage and Encumbrance Authority/Mortgage and Encumbrance Limit".

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

CEO Stuva reviewed the following reports which had either been mailed or distributed to all directors and our 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 February 2021 were reviewed and accepted for placement in the Cooperative's files.

President/CEO Stuva also reported that:

- A bad transformer had been replaced at Hilda's Antique Mall, a stolen grain truck struck and damaged a transmission pole, and a large oak tree was removed because it was a potential hazard to the Cooperative's three-phase line.
- Morrisonville Food Pantry received a \$500 donation from the Cooperative. RECC employees donated \$250 and the Co-op matched it with an additional \$250.
- Directors had inquired about meeting in-person and the consensus was to return to the traditional meeting format, starting with April's Regular Board Meeting.

### **AIEC Board Report**

Mel Repscher gave an executive summary of the March 11, 2021 board meeting.

### **Meetings and Events**

The following were reviewed:

- NRECA PowerXchange held March 2-4, 2021.
- CoBank Central 2021 Virtual Customer Meeting held Thursday March 18, 2021.
- Washington Legislative Virtual Conference scheduled for April 19-23, 2021.

### **Board Action**

The Board acted on the following:

- Approved the application for, or reinstatement of, membership for new or existing members to obtain electric service.
- Agreed to a 10-year franchise with the Village of Divernon and updates to Cooperative Policy 100.5, which reflect the new agreement.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**