

Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation
Hillsborough, North Carolina
Board of Directors Meeting
May 15, 2023
SUMMARY MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation was held at 3:00 p.m. on May 15, 2023 pursuant to notice of date and time of said meeting at the headquarters of the Cooperative in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

The following members of the Board were present: Bill Barber, David Poythress, V. Kay Scurlock-Ferguson, Steven Bailey, Richal Vanhook, Steve Long, Cy Vernon and Randy Kinley with Beth Townsend participating via TEAMS. Also present was Steve Hamlin, President and General Manager, Susan Cashion, Vice-President, Compliance and Administrative Officer, Mike Parker, Attorney, and Scott Rowland, Manager of Information Technology. Participating via TEAMS were Lisa Kennedy, Vice-President of Financial Services, Robert Riley, Vice-President of Operations, Angie Jones, Manager of Human Resources, and Larry Hopkins, Vice-President of Engineering.

Mr. Barber called the meeting to Order.

1. Ms. Scurlock-Ferguson was recognized for achieving Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) status.
2. Upon motion and second the Board approved the minutes from the April 24, 2023 meeting. Upon motion and second the Board approved the summary minutes from the April 24, 2023 meeting.
3. Upon motion and second the Board approved the Monthly Safety Report .
4. The Vice-President of Engineering reported that:
 - a. The new large industrial member is connected delivering 500 kilowatts and is now installing machinery. Piedmont is waiting on capacitors that will be delivered in December to allow delivery of 8-megawatt power to the facility; this will impede anticipated progress but not significantly unless there is an unexpected issue such as extreme weather.
 - b. He reported that 1,000 new meters were received last week but other needed equipment is expected in July and August. The new meter installation should be nearly complete then.

- c. He also presented the 2023 load forecast for the period 2023 through 2042. The load forecast that anticipates total consumer growth of .86% by 2041 with sales increasing 1.47% or 0.93% in summer and 0.14% in winter with a 184-megawatt peak load in the winter of 2042 and 147-megawatt peak load in the summer of 2042.
 - d. He then presented a resolution adopting the Load Forecast. Upon motion and second the Board adopted the resolution approving the Load Forecast for the period 2023 through 2042.
 - e. He then, along with Mr. Parker, updated the Board on the ongoing discussions with a member with reference to a change she has requested in the route of the distribution line in front of her property. Piedmont plans to upgrade and there are issues with the trimming of vegetation on the line that provides service to her residence. Piedmont presented her with a revised easement for underground service to her residence that she is reviewing.
 - f. Additionally, he reported construction has begun on the Eubanks substation. Piedmont is securing easements on Antioch Road in Person County to shift load from the Mt. Tirzah substation to the Red Mountain substation.
5. The Vice-President of Operations reported that:
- a. Piedmont has had several broken poles recently due to intoxicated drivers requiring installation of new poles after hours. One caused an outage of one hour and thirteen minutes in Carrboro.
 - b. He informed the Board that the May 4 Safety Day was a success.
 - c. He reported that Federated insurance denied the plant damage claim submitted by a green house farmer. The Board asked for an assessment of his loss based on his previous year's income and asked staff to employ someone knowledgeable to assess the actual loss. They also requested that staff determine if Federated will defend a lawsuit if filed and the amount of any deductible.
 - d. He further shared a letter from a member who complimented Piedmont employees who removed a dead dog from the road at her request and attempted to contact the owner after removing the dog's collar.
6. Piedmont's Compliance and Administrative Officer presented:
- a. The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant ("REDLG") Program update

noting that \$2,091,081 is available for loans under the 5% cap and \$221,842 in the revolving fund. There are no new loan requests.

- b. She reported the second EV station installation is about six weeks away. She contacted Jennifer Eberhart at NCEMC about the Grassy Creek microgrid application and was directed to contact Julie Woolsey. Ms. Woolsey informed Ms. Cashion she was not familiar with the project but encouraged her to pursue it. It may require employing the services of a grant writer.

7. The Vice-President of Financial Services presented:

- a. The Financial Report for April 2023. Equity is 31.37% compared to 2022 year-end equity of 30.75%. Deferred storm recovery costs to date are \$140,845.93 and Piedmont has recovered \$150,259.16 through the storm recovery rider, resulting in an average of \$9,413.23 of recovered costs.
- b. She then presented the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (“WPCA”) for April 2023, The calculated June 2023 retail WPCA credit related to power cost is \$0.01369 and the calculated WPCA charge related to the coal ash clean-up is \$0.00297 resulting in a net calculated WPCA credit for June 2023 of \$0.01666.

Mr. Barber requested that the Board return the manager survey by this coming Friday.

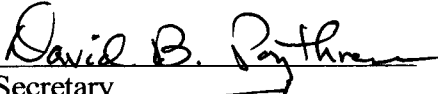
The staff was excused at 4:10 p.m. for an executive session that ended at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Barber declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. since there was no further business to come before the Board.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary