

REA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.
SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. (the “Cooperative”) was held Tuesday, February 28, 2023, immediately following the REA Energy Services regular Board Meeting in the boardroom of the Cooperative’s headquarters office located at 75 Airport Road in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Call to Order

Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

Roll Call

All Board of Directors were present. Also in attendance were the Cooperative’s President & CEO, the Cooperative’s attorney and Executive Assistant. One Director attended via Zoom.

Reading Cooperative Core Value #2

The Cooperative’s President & CEO read aloud the Cooperative Core Value #2.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the minutes of the January 25, 2023 regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

New Business

River Valley Pre-apprenticeship Program

The Cooperative’s President & CEO met with representatives from a local School District to discuss their pre-apprenticeship linemen program. The district is working to finalize the curriculum with help from the cooperative. Linemen may go to the school to help with setup and retired linemen may help with training. The Cooperative’s President & CEO answered a few questions from the Board.

Annual Identify Theft & Red Flag Policy Report

The Cooperative’s President & CEO reviewed Policy I-1. There were no red flags, inconsistencies or identity theft this past year. There are no recommended changes at this time.

Broadband Inquiry

The Cooperative’s President & CEO spoke about pole attachment fees and the agreement signed in 2007 by a broadband company installing new lines in the Cooperative’s territory. Rates will be evaluated. The Cooperative’s President & CEO will contact NRECA

and have the Cooperative's Financial Analyst calculate new rates. Discussion continued about proper business practices. The Cooperative's President & CEO asked a local broadband installer to submit a report of total number of attachments they've made to the Cooperative's utility poles. He may ask the engineers to check that report. There are issues to resolve and he will keep the Board informed.

Sewage Update

The Cooperative's President & CEO announced the sewage project on Airport Rd has begun. The work is projected to be complete in September of this year.

Open Position

The Cooperative's President & CEO announced the resignation of the Marketing Specialist. That position has been posted and the Cooperative has already received applications.

Cash Investment Update

The Cooperative's President & CEO updated the Board on interest the Cooperative is expected to earn on the cash investment made earlier this year.

Member's Letter

The Cooperative's President & CEO spoke about a letter received from a member. When there are rate increases, the Cooperative normally receives questions and comments similar to what is in this letter. The Cooperative's Reliability Specialist called and talked with the member. He explained what the service charge covers. Explaining that fee helps pay for maintenance of our infrastructure from the substation to the meter itself. He also talked with the member about possible options to rewire their service to include a subpanel, thus eliminating a second meter.

Youth Tour Update

The Cooperative's President & CEO gave an update on the upcoming Youth Tour and gave details and the benefits of going. There weren't as many applicants this year.

Kephart Wrap-Up

The Cooperative's President & CEO received good reviews of the tour conducted at the Indiana office with Pennsylvania State Representative Dallas Kephart attending along with Directors. The Cooperative's President & CEO asked the Board to give suggestions for any changes to improve future visits.

Facilities

The Cooperative's President & CEO reviewed upcoming concrete work at the Indiana warehouse and new camera installs. New flooring will be installed also in the linemen's room and Billing department. Some discussion was held on possible camera options at substations.

Harassment Training

Motion was made and seconded to schedule Harassment training for Thursday, May 11th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Motion carried.

Move April Board Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to move April's Board Meeting from Tuesday, April 25th to Thursday, April 20th. Motion carried.

ITX lift purchase

The Cooperative's President & CEO presented information on a scissor lift needed for ITX. Terms of that loan will be worked out.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase of JLGT500J lift. Motion carried.

Legal Update

The Cooperative's attorney announced the closing is complete for the purchase of the Washington Substation additional property. The paperwork will be filed tomorrow. He gave the full purchase price and said this purchase has resolved a right-of-way issue as well.

The other legal issue still being worked on with a Right of Way case. There has been a tentative agreement reached. There is no financial offer included with this agreement. The Cooperative's attorney will keep the Board informed.

Board Chairman declared a brief break at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

President & CEO Report

The Cooperative's President & CEO told the Board there are still supply chain issues affecting work at the Cooperative. Most recently, anchors, arrestors and t-brackets have become scarce. Costs of other materials have increased significantly.

The Cooperative's President & CEO announced the auditors have started their work at the Cooperative. He spoke about the PREA Safety summit at Penn State and other upcoming trainings, meetings and conferences. He also spoke about a member of the public having contact with an energized line after a car-pole accident. This man was trying to help the driver of a vehicle, he slipped and as he fell, his hand hit a downed wire that was still energized. His hand was burned but he refused medical treatment. The linemen arrived on scene and opened up the line and grounded as soon as possible. Management was contacted and they called Federated to report the incident. Photos were taken and the incident was documented. The Cooperative's President & CEO doesn't know the name of the gentleman who was injured. He stressed the importance of providing public safety education.

The Cooperative's President & CEO continued to discuss possible funding for broadband through grants. He answered some questions from the Board. He spoke about work being done with ITX. The next ITX Board meeting will be held on Friday, March 17th.

Continuing Business

Memberships

Motion was made and seconded to accept 42 new members for the month of January 2023. Motion carried.

Secretary / Treasurer's Report

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Reports

The Board heard and discussed various business and activity reports.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Summary minutes of December 20, 2022 Board meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

The following were reviewed by the Board of Directors:

- Thank you card

Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Board Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.