

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
COVINGTON ELECTRIC, COOPERATIVE, INC.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Covington Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at its office in Sanford, Alabama, on the 18th day of August 2020, immediately following the 2:00 p.m. Covington Rural Services board meeting. Chairman Willie B. Smith presided.

Upon call of the roll, it was recorded that the following members of the Board of Trustees were present, to-wit:

HEFLIN SMITH
WILLIAM G. KING, JR.
PATRICIA JANASKY
GARY HARRIS
WILLIE B. SMITH
JAMES F. (TREY) MARTIN, III

The Board commented upon, and upon motion duly made and seconded, approved the Minutes of its regular meeting held on July 21, 2020.

Senior Vice-President/COO Mark Parker reported on safety issues and the COVID-19 pandemic. He reported that the Cooperative had had no lost-time accidents during the last month.

Mr. Parker reported that the Cooperative's COVID-19 updates and safety meetings were held on-line using virtual meeting set-ups.

Vice-President of Finance & Member Relations, Ms. Kim Carter reviewed the monthly financials, new member report (207), inactive accounts (246), audit, marketing and capital credit information; copies of these reports are attached to the minutes. Ms. Carter reviewed the economic development and financial activity for the month. She discussed member delinquent accounts.

Ms. Carter reported that the stated capital credits for the month.

Ms. Carter discussed the new account payment program, Paygo, in connection with Dollar General and Family Dollar stores. She reported a total of 489 payments through this new program.

Ms. Carter reviewed pre-pay accounts (2,119) activity for the month. She also reported on the monthly heat pump rebates (5); water heater installations (27); energy audits (0); and load control devices installed and reporting (2,319). Ms. Carter also reported on the Co-op Connections card activity for the month. She reported that members have had a total of \$ 6,456.33 in savings with the Co-op Connections Card program.

Ms. Carter discussed the 2020 Member Satisfaction Survey and presented written copies of the results to the Board.

Vice-President of Operations and Maintenance Bert Champion gave reports on operations, engineering, and maintenance. Those written reports are attached to the minutes.

Mr. Champion reported on the right-of-way clearing crews and construction crews presently working on the Cooperative's system.

Mr. Champion reported that 60 new services have been added; 21 services have been retired; 24 poles have been changed out; 1645 service orders; and 168 construction work orders have been completed for the month of July. He reported that the Cooperative experienced 115 power outages for the month of July.

Senior Vice-President/COO Mark Parker reviewed IT activity, broad band activity, economic development, employee and community activities and events. Mr. Parker also reported on solar activity and EV charging activity. Copies of those reports are attached to the minutes.

Mr. Parker discussed the Ben E. Keith project in New Brockton. He reported that Fiber Rise has begun field work on the Middle Mile broad-band project and Covington should begin bid strategy planning for RDOF within the next two weeks

Mr. Parker discussed the changeover to the new payment processing gateway on August 25, 2020, and the shut-down of ATS Open One software on August 28, 2020, to begin the software conversion to Meridian.

Mr. Short discussed the issues dealing with employees with children who are not returning to school. The Board discussed this issue and decided to follow the Care Act guidelines.

Mr. Short discussed Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Drug and Alcohol Clearing House annual query for CDL Drivers. He discussed work crews showing respect when funeral processions pass a work site.

The Board then reviewed the General Manager's expense report and the same was unanimously approved.

There was no further business to come before the Board; therefore, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.