SYNOPSIS

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 19th day of April, 2022, 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:

**WILLIAM G. KING, JR.**

**PATRICIA JANASKY**

**CHARLES GRACE**

**WILLIE B. SMITH**

**JAMES F. (TREY) MARTIN, III**

**HEFLIN SMITH**

 The Board congratulated Mr. Willie Smith and Mr. Heflin Smith on their re-election to the Board of Trustees and heard comments regarding the Annual Members’ Meeting.

Covington Electric General Counsel Earl V. Johnson then presided over the election of Officers of the Board to serve a one-year term, said term to begin immediately. Those elected are as follows, to-wit:

 Chairman: Willie B. Smith

 Vice-Chairman: Heflin Smith

 Secretary/Treasurer: Patricia Janasky

 Assistant Secretary William King, Jr.

 /Treasurer:

 AREA Board: Patricia Janasky

 PowerSouth Board: Willie B. Smith

 The Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, approved the minutes of its regular meeting held March 15, 2022.

Senior Vice-President/COO Mark Parker reported on safety issues. He reported that the Cooperative suffered no loss-time accidents since the last board meeting.

 Mr. Parker discussed the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program and how Covington compared with other cooperatives in the state as well as like size cooperatives across the country.

 Mr. Parker also discussed the Day Away Restricted or Transferred (DART), Lost Work Case Ratio (LWCR), and Vehicles Accident Rate (VAR), which measures OHSA recordable cases of each and how the Covington compares with other like cooperatives through the state and country.

Vice-President of Finance & Member Relations, Ms. Kim Carter, reviewed the monthly financials, new member report (151), inactive accounts (187), marketing and capital credit information; copies of these reports are attached to the minutes. Ms. Carter reviewed economic development, and financial activity for the month.

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Ms. Carter reviewed the monthly heat pump rebates (6); water heater installations (27); energy audits (1); and load control devices that have been installed and are reporting (2,218).

 Ms. Carter also reported on the Co-op Connections Card activity for the year. She reported that members have had a total of $550.42 in savings for the month with the Co-op Connections Card program and that there were 364 payments made last month using Paygo.

 Ms. Carter also reported on the Youth Tour, Career Fair, Alabama Young Farmers Annual Farm Day, and service area schools’ scholarships.

 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 and construction crews are presently working on the Cooperative’s system.

 Mr. Champion reported that 61 new services have been added for March; 22 services have been retired for March; 45 poles have been changed out; 1347 service orders completed for the month; and 148 construction 740C work-orders have been completed for the month of March. He reported that the Cooperative experienced 127 power outages for the month of March.

 Senior Vice-President/COO Mark Parker reviewed IT activity, broadband activity, economic development, employee, and community activities. Mr. Parker also reported on solar and EV charging activity for the year. Written copies of those reports are attached to the minutes.

Mr. Parker updated the Board on the Community Solar Garden. He reported that the Cooperative is waiting on the FAA to approve, and there are still 65 blocks committed to the solar garden project.

Mr. Parker discussed the proposed sale of the Opp tower site. After a thorough discussion, the Board approved the sale of the Opp tower property.

Mr. Parker further reported on the Covington Electric 2022 Trustee Elections. He reported a total of 3,909 valid ballots cast in District III, for Mr. Willie Smith; and a total of 4,140 valid ballots cast in District IV for Mr. Heflin Smith. Mr. Parker reported a 96.1% satisfied or very satisfied rating of the 2022 Trustee Election.

Mr. Charles E. Short, CEO, discussed the possibility of another 1mil adder by Powersouth on the next billing. CEC will follow on its rate.

Mr. Short discussed Electric Vehicle charging funds and how they are being directed at interstate sites.

Mr. Short reminded the Board of the Ben E. Keith grand opening ceremonies and lunch to be held May 17, 2022, at 10-1:00 p.m. The Board voted to change the time of the May board meeting to 2:30 pm., to accommodate the Board and Staff attending the Ben E. Keith event.

The Board reviewed and approved the General Manager’s Expense report.

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

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Approved: By Secretary/Treasurer