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 16th day of November 2021, 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, upon motion duly made and seconded, approved the minutes of its regular meeting held on October 19, 2021.

 Senior Vice-President/COO Mark Parker reported on safety issues. He reported that the Cooperative has suffered no loss-time accidents since the last board meeting. He reported that the November 17th safety meeting will be on CPR, First Aid, and AED training. The November safety inspections will be the annual ladder inspections. He also reported on the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program.

Mr. Parker reported that Southern Pine Cooperative lost an employee due to an electric contact accident.

Mr. Parker also gave the COVID update.

 Vice-President of Finance & Member Relations, Ms. Kim Carter, reviewed the monthly financials, new member report (119), inactive accounts (199), 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 (1); water heater installations (25); energy audits (0); and load control devices that have been installed and are reporting (2,250).

 Ms. Carter also reported on the Co-op Connections Card activity for the month. She reported that members have had a total of $211.65 in savings for the month of
October with the Co-op Connections Card program and that there were 466 payments made last month using Paygo.

 Ms. Carter reported on the Bright Ideas grant applications. She reported that a total of 16 applications have been funded for a total of $17,195.00 for area schools.

 Ms. Carter discussed the 5th Annual Christmas Card Contest and congratulated the winner Cassie Wyrosdick from Straughn Middle School. Her card will be featured on the Alabama Living magazine cover.

 Ms. Cater discussed the 2021 Christmas Parade schedule for area parades in which the Cooperative will participate.

 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 presently working on the Cooperative’s system. He reported that three Lee Electric crews are working on reinsulating the Carolina Substation area getting ready for the new 25 kv Moore Road Substation scheduled for construction this year. He reported that one Lee crew is on the system catching the Cooperative up on Osmose pole changeouts in the Gantt Substation area and Fiber Project Make Ready system wide.

 Mr. Champion reported that the HTC right-of-way crews are trimming in the Elba Substation area. He further reported that Osmose have completed pole inspections in the Kinston Substation area.

 Mr. Champion reported that right-of-way crews have cleared 30 miles of right-of-way and removed 137 dead trees for the past month. He also reported Osmose has inspected 733 poles with 54 rejects, and 3 priority rejects.

 Mr. Champion reported that 84 new services have been added; 30 services have been retired; 14 poles have been changed out; 1350 service orders; and 177 construction work orders have been completed for the month of October. He reported that the Cooperative experienced 50 power outages for the month of October.

 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. Written copies of those reports are attached to the minutes.

 Mr. Parker discussed the Buzz Broadband project and provided the weekly update.

Mr. Parker reported that testing is completed on the billing system, IVR, and provisioning software for this week’s go-live.

Mr. Parker reviewed the FFTH budget and actual expenses. A copy of this report is attached hereto.

Mr. Parker updated the Board on the Community Solar Garden and the EV Charging Stations. He reported that the Cooperative has 64 blocks committed to the solar garden project. However, a total of 80 commitments are needed to make this project feasible.

CEO Charles Ed Short discussed upcoming events, namely, the Directors Winter School to be held December 10-14, 2021, in Nashville TN.

Mr. Short discussed the appointment of Nominating Committee members for District IIand District IV. The following members were appointed to the nominating committees: for District III, the Board appointed Mr. Stallion Sasser and Mr. Comer Carpenter; for District IV, the Board appointed Mr. Rock Sublin and Mr. Allen Dieas. The Board was reminded that both District III & IV appointees will meet as one committee on Monday January 3, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., and that Board qualification packets will be mailed to the nominating committee members on November 17, 2021. The Board was reminded of the schedule for the nominating committees and the election process for the 2022 Director Election.

The Board reviewed and approved the General Managers 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