

White River Valley Electric Cooperative
April 15th, 2021
Board Meeting Report

The White River Valley Electric Cooperative Board of Directors met in regular session at the Branson Headquarters on Thursday, April 15, 2021 beginning at 9:00 am. The meeting was held in the Community Room, to allow for social distancing due to the Missouri COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.

The Board began by reviewing and unanimously approving items on the consent agenda which included; April Board Meeting Agenda, March Board Meeting Minutes and the March Board Summary.

Director Funk stated the Finance and Equity Management Committee had not recently met, so he had no update to provide at this time.

Next Vice President Whorton, Chair of the Bylaw, Governance and Member Engagement Committee reported that the next committee meeting is set for April 21st beginning at 1:00 pm. Whorton stated all Directors are invited to attend the Committee meeting due to the nature of the polices under review and development which largely pertain to Director responsibilities, standards of conduct, and other critical subjects for Board of Director service, with an aim for a good discussion in Committee that will allow the next Board meeting to be more productive in light of the significant number of policies that may be recommended for Board approval. Whorton also asked for all questions to be sent to her before the committee meeting so that if any research is needed that can be addressed before the meeting.

President Jeff Hyatt then informed the Board about two Cooperative member communications sent and directed to the Board of Directors as a whole. These communications involved fiber to the home and the usage of social security numbers when applying for membership in the Cooperative. Both subject matters were discussed at length by both management and Board. Appropriate responses will be provided to the members who submitted the comments.

Updates were given by the following departments: Safety and Training, Accounting and Office Operations, Communications and Member Engagement, Engineering and Development, Information Technology and Operations.

During the Communications and Member Engagement Department report, Manager Cunningham presented information regarding the preparation for the 2020 Annual Report, 2021 Annual Meeting and current Missouri legislative topics.

The Manager of Engineering and Development updated the Board on the lawn mowing bidding process at the Ava and Gainesville office locations.

Monthly reports on Cooperative activities/programs were presented by the following: Chris Hamon, CEO; Angie O'Dell, Manager of Executive Business Administration; the KAMO Report was presented by Director Short; the Sho-Me Report was presented by CEO Hamon; the Legal report was presented by Attorney Christiaan Horton.

During the Executive Business Departmental report, the Board held discussions regarding voting delegates representing WRVEC for the upcoming Sho-Me Power Eclectic Cooperative Annual meeting. Following discussion, the following motion was made;

- Motion was made to approve CEO Hamon as the voting delegate and President Jeff Hyatt as the alternate for the upcoming Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative annual meeting Motion unanimously carried. **#04-15-2021-001**

Next the 2021 board meeting calendar was revised due to conflict on the July calendar date previously approved. The Board of Directors July meeting will now be held on July 22, 2021. The calendar will be revised to show such change.

The next regular meeting of the White River Valley Electric Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 20th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held at the Branson Headquarters in the Community Room unless governmental health orders are mandated that would prevent in-person assembly of the Board, in which case, the meeting will be held by teleconference. Additional notice will follow in advance of the meeting to confirm location and method.

Jenny Whorton / Vice-President